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Las Positas College English Professor Wins Coveted Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant *Professor Will Teach American Studies in Croatia*



PHOTO CAPTION: *Professor Catherine M. Eagan will teach American Studies in Croatia next spring through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program*

(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College (LPC) in Livermore is pleased to report that English professor Dr. Catherine M. Eagan has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant to teach American Studies in Croatia for the Spring 2017 semester.

The prestigious Fulbright Program was established in 1946 to foster intercultural exchange and greater understanding between peoples all over the world. The Fulbright Scholar Teaching Program offers more than 500 teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in more than 125 countries.

"Both the college and the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District are very proud of Dr. Eagan's designation as a Fulbright scholar. She represents a remarkable slate of talent in the LPC faculty who are making a tremendous impact on our students," noted LPC President Dr. Barry Russell.

Dr. Eagan will teach, advise, lecture and develop curriculum at the University of Zagreb to expand student and faculty understanding of how perceptions of racial difference shape personal and cultural identity formation across national borders and continental divides. She will also teach an undergraduate American literature course

that will explore how different cultures meet, interact, and adapt in American literature and society, and a graduate course on the formation of white racial identity in 19th-century Europe and America.

Prior to her departure for Zagreb, Dr. Eagan plans to spend her sabbatical working on global perspectives in the LPC curriculum and the prospective development of a global studies or other inter-culturally focused certificate or associate degree at the college.

Dr. Eagan is a tenured instructor at LPC, as well as a scholar who researches the racial formation of identity in the United States and Europe, particularly Ireland. She is a co-advisor to the Peace and Social Justice club and led students and community members on an educational trip to Ireland this past June.

About Las Positas College

Las Positas College currently enrolls 8,000 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.

Las Positas College is a learning-centered institution focused on excellence and student success. It is fully committed to supporting Tri-Valley residents in their quest for education and advancement. Las Positas College faculty and staff are distinguished by their energy, creativity, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of the students they serve and the future of the Tri-Valley region.

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