

CHASS gets new leadership for International Programs

Dean Jeff Braden has named Dr. Heidi Hobbs to serve as CHASS Director of International Programs. Hobbs will chair the college's international programs committee; oversee CHASS participation in the Alexander Global Village project, develop and promote study abroad programs for the college, international programming, and exchanges. She will represent CHASS on NC State's International Operations Council and promote CHASS involvement in internationalization opportunities across the campus and beyond. Hobbs will continue in her role as director of the Master of International Studies in the School of Public and International Affairs, a position she has held for the last seven years.

Hobbs has brought together faculty from across the university to work with students on international issues. She has developed an international affairs summer study abroad program in Prague and initiated a dual degree program with the University of Surrey in Guildford, UK. She is also a member of the Committee on International Programs. In her new role, Hobbs will focus on expanding coordination among the college's various units on international issues.

This spring, she is establishing a network of international liaisons from each department. She will use the information she gathers from this group regarding CHASS faculty and student international travel, research, and study abroad programs to create a CHASS international website that can serve as a resource to the college and the university. Hobbs earned her doctoral degree in international relations from the University of Southern California. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Georgia.

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