NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the inaugural JFEW SUNY Global Affairs Program Newsletter. This year the Program celebrated a major milestone: the graduation of our fifth class! We would like to use this milestone to embark on new initiatives to strengthen our impact and outreach. This newsletter is one of our new initiatives. Through the newsletter we will share the accomplishments of our Scholars, highlight the work and impact of our Partners, and engage and grow the learning community of the JFEW SUNY Global Affairs Program.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Partners. It is through our many collaborative partnerships that we are able to provide learning opportunities of the very highest caliber to our Scholars. A world of thanks goes to: Jewish Foundation for Education of Women (JFEW), the internship Host Partners, our Distinguished Guest Speakers and Mentors, and the participating SUNY campuses - Binghamton, Geneseo, and Stony Brook.

We look forward to sharing exciting Program developments in upcoming newsletters, where we will continue to underscore the impact of this Program and its Partners on the next generation of women leaders.

Dr. Margalice Mazzara
JFEW SUNY Program Founding Director
Director of Educational Programs
SUNY Office of Global Affairs

About the Program

The JFEW SUNY Global Affairs Program is a two-year academic and scholarship program that empowers SUNY undergraduate women to become global leaders. Since the Program’s inception in 2011, Jewish Foundation for Education of Women (JFEW) has provided more than $4,000,000 in scholarships and Program support. The Program provides applied learning experiences through monthly academic seminars and a paid summer internship at a NYC globally focused organization. In addition, the Program Scholars receive career support, mentoring, and networking opportunities. The SUNY campuses participating are Binghamton, Geneseo and Stony Brook.

Photo: Summer 2017 Thank You/Farewell Reception with Stony Brook Class of 2018 Scholars. Dr. Marianna Savoca, Campus Liaison (center right) and Dr. E.K. Tan, Academic Liaison (second from right)
LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

DR. RONA SHERAMY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JFEW

The JFEW SUNY Global Affairs Program would like to extend a warm welcome to the new Executive Director of the Jewish Foundation for Education of Women. Prior to her appointment at JFEW in March, she was the Executive Director of the Association for Jewish Studies, which is the largest learned society and professional organization dedicated to the advancement of Jewish Studies scholarship and teaching. Dr. Sheramy graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan and received her PhD from Brandeis University in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. She has worked extensively with graduate students and young scholars providing career coaching and professional guidance.

Dr. Sheramy shared her words of advice with the JFEW SUNY Class of 2018 during their Summer Orientation. Her inspirational talk highlighted her passion for the JFEW mission - empowering women through education. We are grateful for her exemplary leadership, and wish her continued success in her new position at JFEW.

P Y N D R T N A R S
FOCUS ON OUR INTERNSHIP HOST ORGANIZATIONS

Our Partners include Host Organizations, Mentors, Distinguished Guest Speakers, and their affiliated organizations. In this issue, we would like to highlight our Host Organization Partners who provide summer internships and invaluable experience to our Scholars. Our five new Host Organizations for Summer 2017 included Ford Foundation, Heifer International, Peace Boat US, Pure Earth, and the Worker Justice Center of New York.

Scholar Impacts

In just five years, JFEW SUNY Scholars have excelled academically and professionally, and are on their way to becoming global leaders in their diverse fields. We would like to highlight the accomplishments of our Scholar Alumnae, including but not limited to:

5 FULBRIGHT FELLOWS to Spain, Georgia, Turkey, and Taiwan

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRADUATE PROGRAMS with Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, Brown, and Columbia University

CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES & OFFICES such as NASA, the U.S. Department of State, the NY State Senate, and the NYC Mayor’s Office

Congratulations to the JFEW SUNY 2017 Graduating Class!

Photos:
Top: Class of 2018 at the Americas Society
Bottom: Graduating Class of 2017, First Day of Summer Orientation, SUNY Global Center