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Portland State University, Anthropology Department Faculty Member Receives Fulbright Specialists Award

James Beebe, Departmental Affiliate in the Anthropology Department at Portland State University, was selected for a Fulbright Specialists project in the Philippines at De La Salle University during 2015, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

In response to a request from De La Salle University, Dr. Beebe provided an introduction to and through a series of interactive workshops, developed expertise in the use of team-based rapid qualitative research to administrators, faculty members, and students involved in social development research.

Dr. Beebe is one of over 400 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad this year through the Fulbright Specialists Program. The Fulbright Specialists Program, created in 2000 to complement the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program, provides short-term academic opportunities (two to six weeks) to prominent U.S. faculty and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at post secondary, academic institutions around the world.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange activity, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Over its 60 years of existence, thousands of U.S. faculty and professionals have taught, studied or conducted research abroad, and thousands of their counterparts from other countries have engaged in similar activities in the United States. Over 285,000 emerging leaders in their professional fields have received Fulbright awards, including individuals who later became heads of government, Nobel Prize winners, and leaders in education, business, journalism, the arts and other fields.

Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement. Among thousands of prominent Fulbright Scholar alumni are Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize-winning economist; Alan Leshner, CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Rita Dove, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet; and Craig Barrett, Chairman of the Board of Intel Corporation. Distinguished Fulbright Specialist participants include Mahmoud Ayoub, Professor of Religion at Temple University, Heidi Hartmann, President and CEO, Institute for Women's Policy Research, Percy R. Luney, Jr. Dean and Professor, College of Law, Florida A&M University and Emily Vargas-Barone, Founder and Executive Director of the RISE Institute.

The training at De La Salle University was based on Dr. Beebe's recently published book *Rapid Qualitative Inquiry: A Field Guide to Team-Based Assessment* (Second Edition, 2014, Rowman and Littlefield). Rapid Qualitative Inquiry is an approach for practitioners who need timely results for program and policy planning and students looking for realistic research projects. It is designed to quickly develop an insider's perspective on and preliminary understanding of complicated "on-the-ground" situations. Dr. Beebe retired as a Professor



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from Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies at Gonzaga University in Spokane Washington in 2013 and retired as a Foreign Service Officer with the United States Agency for International Development in 1996. He served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines from 1968 to 1973.

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