50th Anniversary Internationalization Symposium
Distinguished Speakers

Craig Calhoun

Craig Calhoun has served as the president of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) since 1999. He also holds the title of University Professor of the Social Sciences at New York University and is the founding director of NYU’s Institute for Public Knowledge. Beforehand, he taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for 19 years, where he also served as dean of the Graduate School and director of the University Center for International Studies. He has also been a visiting professor in China, Eritrea, France, Norway, and Sudan. Throughout his career, Calhoun has been involved in projects bringing social science to bear on issues of public concern. These have ranged from consulting on rural education and development in North Carolina, to advising the Constitutional Commission of Eritrea, to helping develop communications infrastructure in Sudan. As an individual scholar, Calhoun has written on culture and communication, technology and social change, social theory and politics, and on the social sciences themselves.

Donald Filer

Donald Filer is Associate Secretary and Director of the Office of International Affairs, Yale University. He was appointed to his present position in December 2004. His principal responsibilities are as Director of the Office of International Affairs. He previously was responsible for managing support for the Yale Corporation, the Visitor Center, and the Office of Licensing Programs. Prior to moving to Yale, Don served in a number of capacities at Connecticut College from 1991 to 2000 including Vice President for Community and Public Affairs, Secretary of the College, and Acting Vice President for Development. He worked for former U.S. Representative Bruce A. Morrison of New Haven from 1985 to 1991. He is an active member of the community, serving on the boards of the Madison Land Conservation Trust and the Connecticut Science Center.

Stephen Hanson

Stephen Hanson is the Vice Provost for International Affairs and Director of the Wendy and Emery Reves Center for International Studies and a Professor of Government at the College of William and Mary. He is a specialist in international relations, post-Soviet Russian politics, political parties, and post-imperial democracy. Before going to William and Mary, Hanson served from 2000–2008 as the director of the Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies at the Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. He has taught as a visiting associate professor of government at Harvard University. He has been a visiting scholar at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard, a visiting scholar at the department of politics and international relations at Oxford University,
and a research scholar at the Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. From 2004–2008, he was the academic director of the Program on New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS), based in Washington D.C. Additionally, Stephen Hanson won the University of Washington’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 2004 and the university’s Outstanding Undergraduate Mentor Award in 2005.

Barbara Hill

Dr. Barbara A. Hill is a Senior Associate with the American Council on Education’s Center for Effective Leadership, working with member institutions to promote international learning and to help leaders think strategically about internationalization. Hill served as a senior consultant to the Higher Education for Development program (formerly the Association Liaison Office for University Development), working to develop organizational infrastructure to serve international development through university partnerships and organizing conferences to disseminate expertise in international development. Hill has been a regular participant in the Visiting Advisors Program of the Salzburg Seminar, consulting with universities in Russia and Eastern Europe about governance, management, finance, academic structure, and program quality. Hill continues to moderate the Intellectual Renewal Seminars for Leaders, begun at Radcliffe College/Harvard University, which are seminars on leadership, ethics and the good society for various professional groups. Hill serves as chair of the board of directors of the Maryland Humanities Council and has held senior level administrative positions at several higher education institutions, including acting director of admissions at Hood College (1979–1980), associate dean of the faculty at Barnard College/Columbia University (1983–86), provost of Denison University (1986–1990), and president of Sweet Briar College (1990–1996).