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Alan Lincoln Receives Fulbright Specialists Award

Alan Jay Lincoln, an Organizational Ombudsman and Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, has been selected for a Fulbright Specialists project at Ashesi University in Ghana during October and November, 2011 according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Dr. Lincoln's award in Peace and Conflict Resolution will provide assistance to Ashesi University with the revision of faculty and student policies including student judiciary and sexual harassment prevention and response policies. Ashesi University, founded ten years ago, moved to their new campus in Berekuso, Ghana in August. Ashesi's mission is to educate a new generation of ethical, entrepreneurial leaders in Africa and to cultivate in their students the critical thinking skills, the concern for others and the courage it will take to transform a continent.

Lincoln 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.

Alan served as the first Ombudsman at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and is Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice and Criminology. He joined UMass Lowell in 1977 as the first member of the Criminal Justice Department and served as Graduate Coordinator, Special Assistant to the Graduate Dean and on the Institutional Review Board for human subject research. He is the Founding Editor of the Journal of the International Ombudsman Association.

Alan earned master's degrees in both social psychology and sociology and a doctorate in sociology from UMass Amherst. He also completed a National Institute of Health Postdoctoral Program in Family Violence at the University of New Hampshire. He previously held a Fulbright Professorship in the Netherlands and is the author of numerous articles and three books on crime and violence in the family and public



places. Alan also is a former journal editor of *Library and Archival Security*. He is a certified mediator and currently holds a five year appointment on the Fulbright Senior Specialists Roster. Alan now works as a Consulting Ombudsman and teaches online graduate classes at UMass Lowell.

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.

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