

## Meet our American partners/trainers!

**Tim Barnes** has served as the Executive Director of International Partnerships and Research at the University of Kentucky since 2017. Prior to his appointment at UK, Barnes served as Director of the Illinois Strategic International Partnerships Initiative at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 2011 through 2017, which focuses on developing deeply impactful institutional relationships with a small, highly selective group of peer institutions around the world. In addition to launching ISIP, Barnes managed hundreds of institutional partnerships, as well as drafting, negotiating, and tracking all written memoranda of understanding or contractual instruments that formalize institutional linkages. His recent efforts focus on sustained, faculty-driven, multi-disciplinary and multi-faceted inter-institutional partnerships with measurable benefits for comprehensive, research intensive institutions of higher education. Barnes has published, and presented on topics related to international partnerships in higher education for IIE, AIEA, ACE, NAFSA, APAIE, and other organizations around the world.



**Susan Buck Sutton** is a consultant on global learning and engagement in higher education, with 40 years as faculty and chief international administrator at two institutions: Bryn Mawr College and Indiana University. She has been President of the Association of International Education Administrators, and officer, board member, or adviser at NAFSA, the American Council on Education, Association of American Colleges & Universities, International Association of Universities, Forum on Education Abroad, American Anthropological Association, and several other organizations. Sutton has published 5 books and 70+ articles, reflecting her work in both anthropology and international higher education. International academic partnerships are her particular passion. She has given dozens of presentations and workshops, in the U.S. and around the world, on the theory and practice of such linkages – and has also had the privilege of representing her own institutions in several remarkable partnerships in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

**Sylvia Jons** is Global Programs and Fellowships Lead on the Higher Education Initiatives team at IIE and also serves as a Manager in IIE's Center for International Partnerships. She helps lead a number of international partnership initiatives out of CIP, focused on building innovative, sustainable partnerships around the world. Sylvia leads IIE's STEM and Engineering Education Initiatives (including Global E3 and NSF IIE-GIRE), IIE's Centennial Fellowship, IIE's New Leaders Award, IIE's Goldberg Prize for Peace, International Academic Partnership Programs (IAPP) and other partnership initiatives, global fellowships, and projects in the higher education space. At IIE, Sylvia has developed a career working in various roles throughout the institute. She has worked on IIE's Generation Study Abroad initiative, on the Global Fulbright Program, the Brazilian Scientific Mobility Program and on two private STEM programs within the U.S. Student Programs Division. Prior to joining IIE in 2012, Sylvia worked at the University of Nebraska on a system-wide Internationalization plan. Sylvia has a Master's degree in Higher



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