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A lecturer/supervisor in the Teacher Education Program and the assistant director of the International Center at the University of California, San Diego have been awarded Fulbright Scholar Grants for the 1997-1998 academic year.

Winfield W. Cooper, Teacher Education Program, is currently in Indonesia lecturing, consulting on language programs, and training teachers to teach English. Carol E. Robertson, International Center, spent three weeks in April, 1997, visiting various institutions in Germany as a Fulbright grantee in the U.S.-Germany International Education Administrators Program.

Cooper is spending 10 months through July 1998 at Pattimura University in Ambon, Indonesia, where he is lecturing and consulting on teacher training and curriculum development in Teacher Education in Foreign Language programs and overseeing a language program for Indonesian scholars planning to study in English-speaking countries.

Cooper received a bachelor's degree in English from Ohio Northern University, a bachelor's degree in education from Kent State University, a master's degree in linguistics from San Diego State University and a doctorate in English education from New York University.

He has taught high school English in Ohio and New Jersey, and since 1976 has taught English and English as a second language in San Dieguito Union High School District. Cooper has been a lecturer/supervisor with the UCSD Teacher Education Program for the past six years with emphasis on preparing teachers for teaching English as a second language.

Cooper has coordinated statewide workshops for the California Literature Project and served as co-director of a San Diego area writing project.

Robertson visited cities and universities throughout Germany last April, beginning in Bonn and including Berlin and other points in the new eastern states. The three-week seminar focused on current issues in German higher education and international academic exchange.

Robertson has been assistant director of UCSD's International Center since 1995. Prior to that she was assistant director of the Office for International Students and Scholars at the University of Southern California. She received a master's degree in counseling psychology from USC and a bachelor's degree in Spanish and psychology from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. While at Dickinson, Robertson participated in study abroad programs at the Institute of European Studies in Madrid and Catholic University in Valencia, Spain.

Robertson is chair-elect of Region XII of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, and a past chair of NAFSA's International Careers Network Special Interest Group. She has also served as co-chair of the Southern California International Careers Consortium and coordinator of its International Career Days.

The Fulbright program is sponsored and funded by the United States Information Agency. Funding support is also provided by participating governments and host institutions in the U.S. and abroad. All Fulbright applications undergo a peer review conducted by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. The final selection of grantees is made by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. The Fulbright program has been recognized as the flagship program in international educational exchange for the past 50 years.

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