Global Education & Diversity in US Higher Education

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Reception prior to lecture: 5–5:30p.m.
Bryant Hall, Room 209

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The history and current status of global education and of diversity within American Higher Educational institutions are reviewed, together with selected exemplars of best practices, drawn from both domestic and international institutions of higher learning. An overview is presented as relates to governmental, multi-lateral and non-government organizations (NGO’s), whose programs explicitly promote and enable global education and/or academic diversity. Ultimately, given projected demographic and ecological changes, the actuality of globalization, the ubiquity of facilitating emerging technologies and a growing enlightenment with respect to the unsustainability of escalating global income disparities, the case is made that an expansion of both global education and of diversity is beneficial, ineluctable and necessitated. Resolution of complex and seemingly intractable problems, such as mitigation of biogenic and anthropogenic disasters, of pandemics and of armed conflict, increasingly demand interdisciplinary globally collaborative scholars, who are astutely diplomatic and culturally respectful.