



Peter Beattie

Peter Beattie, associate professor and Brazil scholar in the MSU Department of History, was named acting director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) by ISP Acting Dean Jeffrey Riedinger. His two-year appointment began in August 2005 in the wake of the retirement of long-time CLACS director and anthropology professor Scott Whiteford.

Beattie hopes CLACS will expand strategic partnerships with Latin American and Caribbean institutions, enabling more students and faculty to participate in educational and research exchange opportunities. Recent funding from the Tinker Foundation will enable MSU graduate students to

conduct predissertation research trips to Spanish and Portuguese America for the next three years. He also plans to support a variety of conferences, events, programs, outreach initiatives, and innovative courses that will heighten CLACS' visibility locally, nationally, and internationally as well as on MSU's campus.

Beattie began his career at MSU in 1994. His research focuses on the interaction between Brazil's state institutions and strata of the free poor and the enslaved in the period 1850-1945.

For more information about CLACS, see the website at <http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs/>



Kim Gladstone

Kim Gladstone is the new director of development and external relations for International Studies and Programs. She began her ISP duties in June 2005 and immediately accompanied President Lou Anna K. Simon on two visits to Japan. (See related article in this issue.) Her responsibilities include raising money for and the visibility of ISP across the university and beyond. She is the first fundraiser hired by ISP.

Gladstone has an extensive background in both international program development and fundraising. She gained the majority of her international experience at Wayne State University in Detroit,

Michigan, where she was charged by Wayne's president with opening the Office for Global Education. Her fundraising assignments at that university included the handling of special projects for the Office of University Development. She has received a number of awards for her university achievements.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a B.A. in arts administration, she also holds a J.D. from the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law and an LL.M. in taxation from the University of San Diego School of Law.



Weijun Zhao

Weijun Zhao has been appointed director of the MSU China Initiative, administratively housed in International Studies and Programs. In his new role, he will work with colleagues in colleges across the campus in coordinating MSU's involvement with Chinese universities, government ministries, and other entities. He will also supervise the work of the MSU China Office in Beijing. (See related article in this issue.)

Zhao's professional affiliation with the university began in October 1992 when he began working at the Institute of International Agriculture as a coordinator for the U.S.-China Rural Development Training Program. Zhao also coordinated the China

Agriculture Study Tour Program for the university, organizing study tours to China for Michigan farmers, MSU faculty, and county extension agents.

In recent years, Zhao has been building academic ties between the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and major Chinese education and research institutions. With the support from MSU Global Online Connection, he developed the first MSU joint education program with four Chinese universities. This program, in turfgrass management, has become MSU's model for developing joint educational programs with international partners.