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## TIEC Welcomes New Vice President

**D**r. David Aronofsky assumed his duties as the new Vice President of TIEC on July 1, 2013.

The Texas native comes to Austin following 19 years at The University of Montana, where he served as the University General Counsel and President's Cabinet member and an adjunct faculty member in the School of Law, College of Education, and MBA program.

Dr. Aronofsky played a significant role in globalizing the university during that time by building new programs, creating partnerships, and teaching extensively abroad. He also spent 12 years practicing international and education law in

Washington, D.C. and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Chile.

"I have heard about TIEC for years and welcome the opportunity to spend full time in international higher education program development with such a great organization," said Dr. Aronofsky. "The fact that it brings me home to Texas made this an easy decision."

The new Vice President got off to a quick start, traveling to Uruguay and Chile at the beginning of August to explore new opportunities for TIEC with many of his professional acquaintances at universities, government agencies, and the U.S. embassies in both countries.

"My colleagues in Latin America are eager to further ties with Texas institutions," Dr. Aronofsky commented, adding that "in Chile, the enthusiasm for doing this is based substantially on an already impressive and growing array of successful programs involving TIEC universities."



## TIEP Faculty Member Represents TexTESOL in Capitol Hill Meetings

**T**IEP instructor and TexTESOL president Amanda Sekour joined over 50 members of TESOL International Association in Washington, D.C. for the 2013 TESOL Advocacy & Policy Summit on June 16-18, 2013.

Now in its eighth year, the program featured a full day of issue briefings and activities around education legislation and advocacy, followed by a day of visits to Congressional offices on Capitol Hill.

With representatives from

over 20 U.S. TESOL affiliates in attendance, the goals of Advocacy Day were not only to focus on key issues for TESOL, but also to provide an interactive learning experience for participants on elements of advocacy.

## Japanese English Teachers Arrive for Intensive Six-Month Program

**T**IEC welcomed 16 Japanese teachers of English on July 27, 2013 for a six-month training program co-sponsored by Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology and its Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

TIEC was one of only seven U.S. sites chosen for this program, which emphasizes cultural immersion and engagement with local communities in addition to providing classes focused on teacher training.

In their first month the teachers attended English language classes for 30 hours each week at TIEC's Texas Intensive English Program (TIEP). During the fall semester

of 2013, they will have classes on English teaching methods, American culture, public speaking, and the American educational system.

The visiting teachers will also participate in volunteer activities in area nonprofit organizations, audit university courses, visit local public schools as a group, and undertake three weeks of individual practical experience in secondary schools in the Austin metropolitan area.

Mr. Takafumi Sato, the leader of the group, noted, "We are glad to be studying in Texas and glad to start our program with a homestay. People in Austin are very friendly, including city bus

drivers and their passengers. Texans have been very kind to us strangers, and we are happy to be here."



*TIEP Director Terry Simon and Academic Coordinator John Schmidt traveled to Tokyo to conduct an orientation on July 1-2, 2013 for the 16 middle school teachers, shown above, heading to Texas later that month.*

## Mishima Students Enjoy Texas-Style Cultural Experience

**T**hirty-three students and three teacher-chaperones from Nihon University's Mishima Senior High School in Japan participated in an intensive English language and culture program at TIEC from July 20 to August 10, 2013.

This was the fourteenth program for Mishima Senior High School students since 2000. They received 20 hours of TIEP instruction each week, participated in social and conversational activities with American students, visited numerous cultural sites in Austin and San Antonio, and enjoyed a two-night

homestay with families in the Austin area.

At the program's closing ceremony, Mishima Senior High School Vice Principal Kazuyuki Seki remarked, "More than 600 Mishima students have come to Texas over the years. They love to be here. This experience is the memory of a lifetime."



## TIEP at Lamar to Host CEA Site Visit

**T**he TIEP at Lamar branch campus, which received one-year accreditation from the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) in August 2012, will host a panel of CEA reviewers in September as part of the process for a four-year extension of its original accreditation.

According to TIEP at Lamar Director James Moore, "a CEA site visit is an intense experience for everyone involved. Site reviewers must interview staff members, observe classes, and tour facilities to make sure the program is providing the instruction and services to students as claimed in our self-study."

The Commission will vote on TIEP at Lamar's accreditation extension at its December 2013 meeting.