

UF ANTHROPOLOGIST OLIVER-SMITH RECEIVES FULBRIGHT TO PERU

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. --- Anthony Oliver-Smith, a University of Florida anthropology professor, has received a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant to the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru.

Oliver-Smith is among the first grantees under the new Fulbright Senior Specialists short-term grant program. The new program offers two- to six-week grants to leading U.S. academics and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at academic institutions in 140 countries around the world.

Created to complement the 55-year-old traditional Fulbright Scholar Program, the senior specialists program aims at increasing the number of faculty and professionals having the opportunity to go abroad on a Fulbright.

Grantees also will undertake new activities, ranging from conducting teacher training and developing and assessing curricula or educational materials to leading seminars or workshops or conducting needs assessments or survey research.

Oliver-Smith left on May 18 to spend two weeks at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru in San Miguel, Peru, consulting in the design of a program to evaluate the impact of development programs, urban expansion and natural disasters. He also will consult on creation of a doctorate in anthropology.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and managed by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. The program's purpose is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries.

For further information on the program, visit the council's Web site at <http://www.cies.org/>.