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Prof. Al Gourrier Accepted to Competitive Fulbright Specialist Program Roster

Al Gourrier, assistant professor in The University of Baltimore's School of Public and International Affairs, has been accepted to the Fulbright Specialist Program Roster for a tenure of four years.

The highly selective Fulbright Specialist Program is an initiative of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs that sends U.S. faculty and professionals to serve as researchers and expert consultants on curriculum, faculty development, institutional planning and related subjects at overseas academic institutions. Acceptance to the roster places Prof. Gourrier among a competitive pool of candidates who are eligible to be matched with projects designed by host institutions in more than 150 countries around the world, at any time during their four-year tenure on the roster.

"The Fulbright designation is a tremendous honor for me, and I look forward to being able to share my professional experiences and expertise internationally, over the next few years through the program," said Prof. Gourrier.

The Fulbright Specialist Program offers year-round project opportunities of two to six weeks in length. Among the kinds of projects that Prof. Gourrier may be invited to take on are:

- delivery of a seminar or workshop;
- consultation on faculty or workforce development;
- development of academic or training curricula and materials;
- graduate or undergraduate lectures;
- development of institution's or program's needs assessments or evaluations.

"Prof. Gourrier's expertise in public administration, urban policy, public management, and public finance, coupled with his longstanding commitment to reducing income inequality and serving as a bridge between the government and nonprofit sectors, will be a valuable asset when he serves as a Fulbright Specialist," said **Ivan Sascha Sheehan**, associate professor and executive director of the School of Public and International Affairs.

Fulbright Specialists are a diverse group of highly experienced, well-established faculty members and professionals who represent a wide variety of academic disciplines and professions. In order to be eligible to serve as a Fulbright Specialist, candidates must have significant experience in their respective field demonstrated by professional, academic, or artistic achievements. Prof. Gourrier earned admission to the roster after a lengthy application process and the recommendation of a peer review panel.

“The School of Public and International Affairs is proud to have five Fulbright-eligible faculty members: Professor Alan Lyles, Associate Professor Lorenda Naylor, Assistant Professor Kelechi Uzochukwu, Assistant Professor Sarah Federman and now, Asst. Prof. Gourrier,” Sheehan added. “Our school is well represented by each of these outstanding scholars and I look forward to following the contributions they make in the years ahead.”

While the standard Fulbright Specialist tenure is three years, Prof. Gourrier was approved for a four-year tenure to ensure that they receive a full-term on the roster, as the U.S. Department of State and World Learning take steps together to restart participant travel on a country-by-country basis following a temporary postponement of Fulbright Specialist projects due to COVID-19.

Learn more about Prof. [Gourrier](#).

Learn more about the [Fulbright Specialist Program](#).

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