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Herbert F. Voigt Receives Fulbright Award

Herbert F. Voigt, Biomedical Engineering Professor at Boston University, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to work at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP) during the 2014-2015 academic year, the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced recently.

Voigt will help to crystalize a new biomedical engineering Ph.D. program to be offered jointly by the PUCP University and Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH). In addition, Dr. Voigt plans to work with the Instituto Nacional de Salud (INS) (equivalent to the USA's NIH) to initiate a new research program addressing the detection of heavy metals in biological samples.

Voigt is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2014-2015. The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, a division of the Institute of International Education.

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