

by Elaina Loveland

## Healing the Wounds of War

**W**AR can have a devastating impact on the lives of innocent civilians.

I recently had a conversation with a university president, and he told me about a scholar from Iraq who was in residence at his business school last year. He spoke of the difference it made to students about their understanding of Iraq and the personal and professional difference it made to the visiting scholar who is now back home teaching Iraqi students how business is done in the United States. These kinds of interactions, which have the power to help repair damage done between nations and to bring a better sense of understanding between people of different cultures, are at the core of the value of international education.

It's been nearly two years since all of the U.S. troops in Iraq were withdrawn—the process began in 2009 and was completed in December 2011.

In the years during and since the U.S.-led military presence in Iraq, higher education, like other Iraqi institutions, suffered from the consequences of the upheaval that a war causes.

We can't forget that in regions that are rebuilding after a war, everyday people have their lives—and their dreams—like pursuing higher education—interrupted. In the aftermath of upheaval, individuals and institutions are left to put the pieces of their lives and their structures back together again.

International educators have the unique position of being able to see past the damage and find ways to help universities, faculty, and students heal from the wounds of war.

To showcase just how powerful connecting with university counterparts that have been affected by war can be, *IE* is announcing a two-part series about U.S. partnerships with Iraq and Afghanistan to help revitalize higher education in those nations after U.S. military presence. "Reawakening Higher Education in Iraq" by David Tobenkin is the first article in this series, which is in this issue. The article about partnerships with higher education institutions in Afghanistan is planned for publication in 2014.

### Also in this issue

Our feature article, "Core Values," shows how many colleges and universities are globalizing their general education requirements.

Our annual health and insurance supplement's cover story, "When a Student Dies Abroad," offers information on how to prepare for such a tragedy.

**IE**

#### EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD

**Cheryl Darrup-Boychuck**  
USJournal of Academics

**Lewis Duncan, PhD**  
Rollins College

**Stephen C. Dunnett, PhD**  
University at Buffalo-SUNY

**Everett Egginton, PhD**  
New Mexico State University

**Patricia I. Jones**  
Western Illinois University

**Paul J. McVeigh, PhD**  
Northern Virginia Community College

**Susan Buck Sutton, PhD**  
Bryn Mawr College

**Susan M. Thompson**  
University of Nevada-Las Vegas

#### EDITORIAL STAFF

**Marlene Johnson**  
Executive Publisher

**Christopher Murphy**  
Publisher

**Elaina Loveland**  
Editor-in-Chief

**Lisa Schock**  
In Brief Editor

**Cheryl D. Collins**  
Production Manager

**BonoTom Studio, Inc.**  
Publication Design and Production

#### ADVERTISING SALES REPRESENTATIVE

**Scott Oser**  
NAFSA  
1307 New York Avenue, NW  
Eighth Floor  
Washington, DC 20005  
PH: 301.279.0468  
FX: 202.737.3657  
scotto@nafsa.org

#### STAFF EDITORIAL TEAM

**Judy Judd-Price**  
Professional Development Services

**Betty Soppelsa**  
Conferences and Meetings

**Robert Stableski**  
Planning and Services Development

**Jill Welch**  
Public Policy

**Alan Williams**  
Organizational Advancement

#### NAFSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### PRESIDENT AND CHAIR

**Fanta Aw, PhD**  
American University

##### VICE PRESIDENT, EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Deborah L. Pierce, PhD**  
Northern Illinois University

##### VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBER RELATIONS

**Sandy Soohoo-Refaei**  
Linfield College

##### VICE PRESIDENT, PUBLIC POLICY AND PRACTICE

**Sherif Barsoum**  
Vanderbilt University

##### TREASURER

**Jolene Koester, PhD**  
California State University, Northridge

##### SECRETARY

**Mary H. Reeves, PhD**  
Commission on English Language Program Accreditation

#### MEMBERS AT LARGE

**Simon Adams, PhD**  
Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect

**Charles A. S. Bankart, PhD**  
University of Kansas

**Cynthia Banks**  
Global Links Learning Abroad

**Mell Bolen**  
Princeton University

**Arthur Dunning, PhD**  
University of Alabama System

**Lars Heikensten, PhD**  
Nobel Foundation

**William R. Holmes, DBA**  
Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning

**Mora McLean, JD**  
Rutgers University

**Meredith M. McQuaid, JD**  
University of Minnesota

**Jody K. Olsen, PhD**  
University of Maryland, Baltimore

**Kavita Pandit, PhD**  
University of Georgia

**Debra W. Stewart**  
Council of Graduate Schools

**Yenbo Wu, PhD**  
San Francisco State University

**Chunsheng Zhang, PhD**  
University of North Alabama

#### EX-OFFICIO

**Marlene Johnson**  
Executive Director and CEO  
NAFSA: Association of International Educators

#### DISTINGUISHED SENIOR FELLOW

**Hon. Richard W. Riley**



Association of  
International Educators

Opinions expressed by contributors are their own and do not necessarily reflect the position of NAFSA: Association of International Educators. *International Educator* accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of information contained in advertisements.

**To submit a manuscript to *International Educator*:** A full description of format requirements and author guidelines can be found at [www.nafsa.org](http://www.nafsa.org). E-mail inquiries may be sent to [publications@nafsa.org](mailto:publications@nafsa.org).

*International Educator* is published bimonthly by NAFSA: Association of International Educators, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, Eighth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005-4701 USA.  
Phone: 202.737.3699; Fax: 202.737.3657; [inbox@nafsa.org](mailto:inbox@nafsa.org); [www.nafsa.org](http://www.nafsa.org)

Periodicals postage paid at Washington, D.C., and additional mailing offices.

ISSN 1059-4221

**Subscription rates:** NAFSA members receive *International Educator* as a benefit of membership. Nonmember subscriptions are \$40 per year in the United States. Nonmember subscriptions outside the United States are \$55 in Canada and Mexico and \$72 elsewhere in the world. Subscriptions are payable in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank, or by Visa, Mastercard, or American Express. Single issues: \$7, plus shipping and handling. To subscribe, call 1.866.538.1927 or 1.240.646.7036. Copyright ©2013 by NAFSA: Association of International Educators. All rights reserved. Postmaster: Send address changes to *International Educator*, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 USA.

