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PRESS RELEASE:
VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION SPONSORS SIX U.S. FACULTY SCHOLARS TO TEACH IN VIETNAM IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17

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Hanoi, Vietnam, and Washington, D.C., July 22, 2016 – The Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) is pleased to announce the selection of six U.S. professors to teach at Vietnamese universities as part of its U.S. Faculty Scholar Program. This distinguished group of academics will teach during the 2016-2017 Academic Year. To date, VEF has funded 48 grants to 39 professors and Associate Professors to teach courses in STEMM¹ fields at Vietnamese universities using U.S. curricula and teaching methods. The 2016-17 awardees include the following academics:

Dr. Max Häggblom is Distinguished Professor and Chair of Biochemistry and Microbiology at Rutgers University. Prof. Häggblom's research interests are in microbial ecology and environmental microbiology. Dr. Häggblom will be teaching Environmental Microbiology at the University of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta during the spring semester of 2017.

Dr. Aixuan Holterman is Professor of Surgery/Pediatrics, Vice Chair of Surgical Research at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. In collaboration with Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine, Dr. Holterman will be teaching pediatric surgical emergencies to help relieve the surgical burden in central hospitals and improve pediatric care in district hospitals beginning in the fall semester of 2016 in Ho Chi Minh City.

Dr. Roy T. R. McGrann, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science at Binghamton University. He specializes in computer-aided machine design and engineering education and will be teaching at International University, Vietnam National University (VNU) – Ho Chi Minh City as an instructor in dynamics and to develop a semester-long mechatronics course in the fall semester of 2016.

Dr. Duc Thai Nguyen is Professor of the Civil & Environmental Engineering and Modelling Simulation & Visualization Engineering Departments at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. He will teach “Finite Element Analysis” and “Engineering Optimization” at the Hanoi University of Mining and Geology, the fall 2016 and spring semesters 2017, respectively.

Dr. Keith A. Teague serves as Professor and Immediate Past Head of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Teague will teach the senior course, Introduction to Digital Signal Processing, at Thai Nguyen University of Technology by live teleconferencing during fall 2016.

Dr. Rao Vemuri, Emeritus Professor, College of Engineering, University of California, Davis, will teach two courses at the University of Science, VNU – Ho Chi Minh City: “Artificial Intelligence” and “Mobile Computing” in the fall 2016 and spring 2017 semesters, respectively. Prof. Vemuri played a

¹ Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine

key role in arranging an MOU between the University of California, Davis and the University of Science, Ho Chi Minh City.

The Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF), a U.S. Federal Government agency, is in its fourteenth year of operations. VEF has placed 571 Fellows at top-tier U.S. graduate research institutions, mostly for doctoral degrees for its Fellowship Program. Since 2007 VEF also has provided opportunities for 55 Vietnamese academics to pursue postdoctoral programs at U.S. universities for up to 12 months through the Visiting Scholar Programs. For more information on VEF, please visit: www.vef.gov.