

Announcement



Patrick O'Meara (left) and David Zaret (right),
past and current vice presidents for international
affairs

On July 1, 2011, David Zaret became Indiana University vice president for international affairs. Zaret comes to OVPIA from the IU Bloomington College of Arts and Sciences, where he served for over a decade as Executive Associate Dean and Interim Dean, and also from the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President, where he worked as Senior Advisor to the Provost. He completed his doctorate from Oxford University in 1977 and joined the IU Bloomington Department of Sociology the same year. He currently holds academic appointments in the Department of Sociology and the Department of History. His published work includes *Origins of Democratic Culture* (Princeton University Press, 2000), which explores the role of public opinion in British politics. Topics in Zaret's other publications include religion and social change, human rights, and methodological issues in cross-cultural research.

Patrick O'Meara, who led international affairs for eighteen years, will now chair the IU Center for International Education and Development Assistance and will advise the president on matters of international protocol. O'Meara's tenure as vice president saw the Bloomington campus rise to the top twenty institutions nationally for study abroad and for the number of international students enrolled. Continuing the work begun by Herman Wells in the 1940s, he has helped secure affiliations with top universities and has been part of IU's international development activities in countries around the world. He has assured IU's place at the vanguard of international academic endeavor.

"I am honored that President McRobbie has asked me to undertake this work," said vice President Zaret. "I am humbled by the thought of succeeding Vice President O'Meara in a program respected around the world. I want to assure that this reputation continues and that IU students and faculty are prepared to meet the challenges of a world where interdependence is key. To do this will require efforts on many fronts: We must develop more opportunities for undergraduates to study abroad, and along with those opportunities, more resources to defray the additional expenses of international study. We will continue our efforts to attract top international students, and we will continue to seek and enhance agreements with the best universities around the world. Our overseas alumni are a valuable resource in these efforts, and I look forward to cultivating deeper ties with them. Our long history of institutional development has already made a difference to universities in Africa, Latin America, Europe, Central Asia, and Southeast Asia; this work too must continue."

IU President McRobbie notes a cordial and seamless transition in international affairs. "Patrick O'Meara has given magnificent service to Indiana University and has been extraordinarily effective during his tenure as overseer of all our international activities," McRobbie said. "David Zaret is an extremely experienced IU administrator who has a deep appreciation of the vital importance of Indiana University fully engaging internationally."