Sharon Nagy, Associate Provost for Global Engagement, Clemson University

Dr. Sharon Nagy has served as Clemson University’s Associate Provost for Global Engagement since August 2012. Passionate about the importance of global engagement for students, faculty, the institution and its partners, Dr. Nagy has worked with academic units to introduce new models of international programming and provide innovative opportunities for students and faculty to acquire global competences. Under her leadership the office of global engagement has expanded beyond the traditional student mobility services to include public-private partnership development abroad and throughout the state. Clemson’s study abroad programs have twice been awarded the Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education and Dr. Nagy was a 2013 Neal Presidential Fellow of the American Association of International Educators and serves on the advisory board for ACE’s Center for Internationalization and Global Engagement.

Prior to joining Clemson, Dr. Nagy’s experiences in higher education had followed a global path, both geographically and thematically. She earned a Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in International Political Economy from the University of California at Berkeley. In both courses of study, her regional focus was the Middle East and North Africa, a region in which she has lived for approximately 12 years. With ethnographic research activities supported by Fulbright, Social Science Research Council, Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, Sharon’s ethnographic research on urbanization and migration in the Arabian Gulf States of Qatar and Bahrain is recognized as pioneering in the field. She has taught at universities in Egypt and Bahrain, and led numerous study abroad/field studies to Morocco, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.