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The American University of Paris Announces New Provost

Dr. William F. Fisher has been appointed Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at AUP beginning in August 2018

PARIS, France - January 18, 2018 – [The American University of Paris](#) (AUP) announces today the [appointment of Dr. William F. Fisher as the new Provost](#) and Executive VP for Academic Affairs. In this role, Dr. Fisher will be the senior academic planning and budget officer at AUP, charged with creating with his colleagues a new academic vision for the University. He will succeed Interim Provost Dr. Henry Kreuzman for the academic year beginning August 2018.

In announcing the University’s decision, President Celeste M. Schenck said, “In addition to a strong academic background in anthropology and international development, Bill Fisher brings a wealth of administrative experience and a global profile that makes him a great fit for an American university located abroad.”

Currently the Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts – a small, liberal arts-based research university – Dr. Fisher will usher in a new era at AUP as Provost. Dr. Fisher will oversee a renewal of the curriculum including general education, majors and minors, programs, research centers and graduate programs, realigning each with the needs and aspirations of AUP students.

Speaking about his appointment, Dr. Fisher said, “I am looking forward to becoming a member of the AUP team and working collaboratively with the faculty, president, senior leadership, staff, and the Board of Trustees to provide a transformational education experience to AUP’s global explorers that links the best of liberal education with hands-on experiential learning. One of the things that particularly attracted me to this position is the challenge of helping to creatively advance AUP by building upon its unique place in the world of liberal education.”

While at Clark University, Dr. Fisher also served as Professor of International Development and Social Change in the interdisciplinary department he was specifically brought from Harvard to create. From 1992 to 2000 Dr. Fisher taught in the Department of Anthropology at Harvard University, where he was Director of Graduate Studies in Anthropology and a Dillon Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. He also taught at Princeton University and Columbia. At Columbia, he served as Assistant Director of the University’s Center for South Asian Studies and directed the Economic and Political Development specialization at Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). His research and work for agencies – such as CARE, USAID and the UNDP – has taken him around the world.

Dr. Fisher is a graduate of Bucknell University and holds Master’s degrees in Anthropology and International Affairs from Columbia University and a Doctorate from Columbia University. He is a specialist in the language and culture of Nepal, where he has done extensive field work and research.

About The American University of Paris

Chartered in Paris as an American-style liberal arts college in 1962, The American University of Paris is today an international university located at the meeting point of France, Europe, and the world. The University provides a curriculum that combines liberal arts inquiry, preparation for professional life, and student-centered, active learning in small classrooms of students from many nationalities. A global faculty teach 27 undergraduate majors and four core fields of graduate study, all taught in English. AUP’s 20,000 alumni live and work in 145 countries. For more information visit www.aup.edu.