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Lesho Named Director of the Cal Poly English Language Institute

Daniel Lesho has accepted the director position for the Cal Poly English Language Institute (CELI), Dr. Uei-Jiun Fan, dean of the College of the Extended University announced last week. Lesho's appointment was effective May 26, 2009.

As part of the College of the Extended University, CELI provides English instruction, academic skills preparation, and TOEFL test preparation to international students from many different countries.

Prior to joining CELI, Lesho was an adjunct professor in the Modern Languages, Literature, and Culture Department at Pitzer College in Claremont. He taught public speaking, English literature, and academic writing courses for international students in various Pitzer programs. Lesho was also an instructor in the International Fellows Program at the Drucker School of Management at Claremont Graduate University. This program prepares international MBA students for the rigors of academic coursework at Claremont Graduate University.

"Dan's outstanding credentials along with his knowledge and experience teaching overseas bring great value to CELI," said Dr. Fan. "His involvement in developing online programs for TOEFL and TESL will help us expand the offerings at the English language institute. I'm very confident that Dan's experience and efforts will prove to be invaluable as he helps CELI grow."

Lesho earned a master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) from Simmons College (Boston) and a bachelor's degree in history from Providence College. His overseas experience includes English language teaching in many schools in Korea and Japan, and he was most recently an instructor at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies in Nagoya, Japan.

"I'm very pleased to join the dedicated faculty and staff at CELI and hope that my experience both abroad and in the U.S. will help the language institute continue to provide the best in English instruction and academic preparation," said Lesho. "I'm committed to creating a student community that reflects Cal Poly Pomona's best traditions of diversity, academic excellence, and a "learn-by-doing" approach."

Lesho replaces Randy Burger, former director of CELI, who retired from Cal Poly Pomona in March 2009.

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