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### **Ferris Faculty Member Receives Fulbright Scholar Award**

BIG RAPIDS – Reinhold R. Hill, associate professor of languages and literature at Ferris State University, is lecturing at the University of Debrecen in Hungary after receipt of a Fulbright Scholar grant, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board.

Dr. Hill, a Ferris faculty member since 2001, will be abroad until February 2005 to lecture on American Folklore and American Studies. Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

As part of the international educational exchange activity, Ferris will host Fulbright Visiting Scholar Olga Barsony from Debrecen, Hungary from January to June, 2005. Barsony, an assistant professor of English at the University of Debrecen, will be doing research in English for Information Design.

“The Fulbright lecturing grant provides me a great opportunity to encounter Hungarian culture and educational practices,” said Hill. “The students at the University of Debrecen are interested in learning about American religious traditions and American folklore from a U.S. perspective. The grant also allows me the opportunity to travel and study Hungarian folklore, which will be integrated into my courses when I return.”

Hill received his baccalaureate from Brigham Young University and his master’s from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. His doctorate is from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a focus on Rhetoric and Composition, Ethnographic writing and folklore. He has a wide variety of teaching experiences in American literature, World literature and folklore, as well as many writing and composition classes.

Hill is one of approximately 800 faculty and professionals to travel abroad to some 140 countries for the 2004-2005 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program’s purpose is to build mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries.

Through the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, thousands of U.S. faculty and professionals have studied, taught, or done research abroad, and equal numbers of their counterparts from other countries have engaged in similar activities in the United States. They are among more than 250,000 American and foreign university students, K-12 teachers, and university faculty and professionals who have participated in one of the several Fulbright exchange programs.



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