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## UNH Global

# Kerryellen Vroman Takes Helm as Interim Associate Vice Provost for International Programs

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Dr. Kerryellen Vroman, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Occupational Therapy was appointed as Interim Vice Provost for International Programs in mid-September. She brings to the position a long standing commitment to international education and a desire to support and build the UNH community's global identity.

Dr. Vroman feels this is an exciting time to take on a leadership role in the university's global engagement initiatives. UNH has taken several steps in the last year to promote internationalization. These include UNH's IIE Generation Study Abroad pledge to significantly increase education abroad participation by 2020 and membership in a global engineering exchange consortium. The Global E3 provides a connection to universities around the world at which UNH engineering and physical science students can



(l. to r.) CHHS Dean Mike Ferrara and Chair of Human Development and Family Studies, Kerry Kazura on the Great Wall during a recent visit to Chengdu University undertake studies. According to Vroman, "An effective international educational experience will

challenge students to see the familiar through a different lens, while building their capacity to appreciate other cultures, perspectives, and beliefs. I feel strongly that all students should have an international experience as a component of their education. Equally important is faculty international exchange of expertise and scholarly collaboration."

A further goal of the university is to diversify our campus by increasing the number of international students and scholars. As this goal is realized, the services provided by the Office of International Scholars and Students will grow to create a climate of success that will meet the needs of our expanded international community.

"It is a privilege to be asked to work with the Center of International Education and Global Engagement staff. This year, I look forward to working with faculty and staff across our campuses to build the international profile of UNH," said Vroman.

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