



**Delia Pergande from Sayre School Selected to Attend
Brown University Leadership Institute:
*Global Refugees: Human Rights, Responsibilities, and Responses***

PROVIDENCE, RI, April 1, 2016 – Delia Pergande, Upper School history educator at Sayre School, was recently selected to attend the Choices Program’s annual Summer Leadership Institute at Brown University. This year’s institute is focused on helping teachers develop the knowledge and skills needed to examine the global refugee crisis and its implications for international relations.

The institute, sponsored by the University’s Choices Program, will provide 24 selected teachers from around the world with an opportunity to learn about the global refugee crisis and its political, humanitarian and social impact, especially in the Middle East and Europe. Participants will also discuss pedagogy for teaching about this topic at the secondary level and will make plans for conducting outreach to other educators.

The Choices Program is a national education program designed to introduce content on contested international issues into secondary school classrooms. The program offers more than 40 curriculum units on topics relevant to classes on U.S. history, world history, geography, civics and current issues.

“Choices provides valuable tools for fostering the critical thinking and analytical skills my students need to develop as citizens in our democracy,” says Pergande. “I am excited to learn more about the global refugee crisis, human rights issues in general, and responses to the refugee crisis in Europe. It can be challenging at times to teach students about this constantly changing issue and its impact on U.S. foreign policy decisions. The Choices Program provides valuable pedagogical tools for approaching difficult international topics, and I look forward to sharing my knowledge with other educators.”

As part of the Choices institute, Pergande will facilitate the use of Choices material within her school and beyond. “We were impressed by Delia’s leadership skills, dedication to the field of social studies, and potential to assist other educators in her educational community. We look forward to working with her,” said Choices Director Susan Graseck.

The Choices Program is affiliated with the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University and housed within Brown’s School of Professional Studies.

For more information about the Choices Program, please see www.choices.edu or contact Mimi Stephens, Professional Development Director, at 401-863-3155.