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Dr. Hobson arrived at Lehigh from The College of New Jersey, where she was director of International Education. Under her leadership, the program at The College of New Jersey established itself as a leader in the field, receiving the 1998 AACTE Award for Exemplary Practice in Global and International Education.

Dr. Hobson spent a year at the L'Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, France while completing her B.A. degree, and also obtained a master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Vermont. In the 1970's, Dr. Hobson turned these early interests into practical experience. She introduced a bilingual (French / English) art program to a rural public school system in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and served as assistant to the director of the Educational Resource Center at International College in Beirut, Lebanon. Dr. Hobson went on from these formative professional experiences to spend many years as a teacher and administrator in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and United States. Upon returning to the United States, she set up a two-way bilingual primary school for the Saudi Embassy in Washington, D.C.. She has extensive first-hand knowledge of such issues as multiculturalism, inclusion, and language diversity. Well-versed in TESOL and bilingual education, she has worked as an ESL consultant for school districts in New Jersey.

Dr. Hobson's research interests focus on international teaching and curriculum development in multicultural settings and on school leadership in the global community.

In addition to her role at Lehigh, Dr. Hobson works as the international consultant to the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP).