Keeping J-1 Status Legal

J-1 Exchange Visitors must maintain lawful J-1 status, as failure to do so can have serious long-term consequences. Here are some important steps to ensure your stay in the U.S. remains valid:

- Be aware of the expiration date of status. This is not the visa expiration date; it is the end date in section 3 of the DS-2019 form. Please consult with the RO if you believe you cannot complete your program before the end date on the DS-2019.

- **DO NOT** accept any employment either on or off-campus without prior authorization.

- If you wish to transfer to another school or institution, consult with the RO to make sure that the required transfer procedure can be accomplished within the required time.

- Comply with United States health insurance requirements for J-1 visa holders and their families. Willful disregard of this requirement will result in termination of your participation in the Bryn Mawr College Exchange program and your J-1 status.

- Keep passport valid at all times.

- Report any change in address to the Pensby Center within 10 days of the change.