

### Director of Center for International Relations



Born in Scotland to an Irish father and Scottish mother, Dr. Jonathan Swift immigrated to the United States. Currently the Director of the Center for International Relations at Madonna University in Livonia, Mich., he was educated in Great Britain, France **and the United States. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Wayne State University, a Ph.D. from Michigan State University,** and a Certificate in Music from the Conservatoire National de Musique, Paris, France. Over the years, Swift has received many honors including a Fulbright Scholarship, the International Teacher of the Year (Applegate-Dorros) Award from National Education Association, and for his television programs, the

Hometown National Television Award, the Philo Farnsworth Television Award, and the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors Award. Swift has also been given two tributes from the Michigan State Legislature.

From 1957 to 1964, Swift taught in the Science and Arts Program at Mumford High School in Detroit. During those years and beyond, he was also adjunct faculty at Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and Oakland Community College. He was a pioneer in Global Education in the United States and in 1976, Swift became the founding Director of the High School of Global Education in Livonia, Mich., a position he held until 1997.

In the mid-60s, he resided in Europe where he sang in theatres, on television, and for recordings. As a singer and public speaker, Swift has traveled the globe. In recent years, he has hosted and produced **three television series: "Global Connections," "Dining Out with Jonathan Swift," and "Time Out for Opera"** – the latest with the Michigan Opera Theatre. These programs, produced at Bloomfield Television, are seen on both WFUM-TV (PBS-Flint) and WTVS-2-TV (PBS-Detroit). Swift is author to several dozen articles, revues, poetry, and other contributions to professional books and journals. He has been a consultant, evaluator, and avid worker in educational television and school curriculum.

Since assuming the position of Director of International Relations at Madonna University, Swift and his staff have been responsible for expanding the study abroad program to several countries, establishing a Certificate of International Relations, bringing 60 high school students to the university campus for a two-day seminar on international business, and for bringing about **an agreement with Lebanon's Notre Dame University** in Beirut. He is fluent in French, and speaks some Spanish and Italian.