



## FORUM NEWS

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Advanced Studies in England

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Florida International University

Maricopa Community College

Owens Community College

## Seventh Annual Conference Registration Opens Online November 1

Registration for the Forum's Seventh Annual Conference, "Making the Connection: Praxis and Theory in Education Abroad," opens online November 1, 2010. Early bird registration fees apply until February 1, 2011. A special group rate and online group registration is available for Forum institutional members with 5 or more colleagues participating in the conference.

This year's conference theme examines how and why we design, develop and manage education abroad programs, and how education abroad praxis and theory must respond to the evolving needs of societies, institutions, faculty, and students. Sound education abroad programming requires a theoretical framework informed by practice, and practices that are informed by theory. Understanding the vital connection between praxis and theory is essential for the future of education abroad.

Registration will also open for the pre-conference Standards of Good Practice Institute, "Ethics and Integrity in Education Abroad." The Standards Institute is a separate full-day event that will explore in depth Standard 9. Concurrent sessions will address ethical issues and best practice approaches in several areas of education abroad, including school of record relationships, site visits, relationships with host communities, student advising, social networking, and international research. The goal of the Institute is to assist participants to improve their institutional and organizational strategies for ethical operations within education abroad.

For full information, please visit <http://www.forumea.org/reg11.htm>.

### DATES AND DEADLINES

Monday, November 1:  
Annual Conference registration opens online

Monday, November 15:  
Proposal deadline for June, 2011 Standards Institute (Health, Safety and Security)

## Annual Conference Plenary Speaker Announced: John Rassias

The Forum is pleased to announce distinguished language teacher and international educator John Rassias as the Plenary Speaker for the Annual Conference.



Professor Rassias' talk, "Reflecting on the Growth of the Field: Reinforcing the Rationale for Language Learning and Study Abroad," will draw on his experiences in creating language programs and training teachers for the Peace Corps. Rassias will reflect on the evolution of

the field of education abroad and its essential connections to language teaching and learning. Drawing on his experience as one of the primary architects of Dartmouth's study abroad programs, he will discuss the critical role that education abroad and language learning plays in students' education, and how programs must adapt with the times.

Rassias is Dartmouth College's William R. Kenan Professor of French and Italian, and President of Dartmouth College's Rassias Center for World Languages and Cultures, which works to promote cultural understanding and strengthen communication among people around the world. Drawing on his studies of literature and experiences in the theatre in France, Rassias developed the Rassias Method® (RM) for teaching world languages while training Peace Corps volunteers. He adapted the RM to teaching Dartmouth undergraduates and it was integrated into the Dartmouth College curriculum in 1967. He has served on boards and commissions whose mission is to further solidify the study of languages and cultures both in the United States and abroad. Rassias was cited in 1996 by the Peace Corps for his "pioneering efforts to develop the Peace Corps Language program." The citation read, in part: "Your labor has facilitated President Kennedy's dream of men and women serving overseas, promoting world peace and friendship. Peace Corps is better because of your grand contribution."

## **Standards of Good Practice Institute Plenary Speaker Announced: James Skelly**

The Forum is pleased to announce noted researcher, teacher and international educator James Skelly as the Plenary Speaker for the Standards of Good Practice Institute.



Professor Skelly's talk, "Global Interdependence & Moral Innocence: A Contextual Approach to Ethics in International Education," will address how, in a time when the interdependence of humanity has become starkly clear, we can no longer be sure that we are morally innocent in the face of the suffering of people affected by hunger, flooding, desertification, or oil spills. Rather than an ethics constructed around formal and abstract reasoning, we may need a fundamentally different ethical perspective that will provide the foundation for the education of students in a world transformed. Such an ethical perspective might instead be informed by a sense of responsibility and relationship in which the concrete global context provides the framework for our educational initiatives.

Skelly is Visiting Professor of Peace Studies at Magee College of the University of Ulster in Derry, Northern Ireland, a Senior Fellow at the Baker Institute for Peace & Conflict Studies at Juniata College, and Coordinator for Peace and Justice Programming at Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA). He has also served as Academic Coordinator of the European University Center for Peace Studies in Austria, and as an Associate Director at a number of institutions including: New York University's Center for War, Peace and the

News Media; the Irish Peace Institute; and the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict & Cooperation.

## Call for Nominations: The Peter A. Wollitzer Advocacy Award

The Forum's 'Peter A. Wollitzer Advocacy Award' honors a Forum member who has been remarkably effective in influencing educational institutions' understanding and support of education abroad through the dissemination of the Forum's goals: standards of good practice, data collection and research, curricular development and academic design, and assessment. The award is given to an individual who has demonstrated institutional efficacy and impact, and who provides inspiration to the field of education abroad. Awardees may be individuals who are associated with a U.S. or foreign university, or a domestic or international program provider organization. Past winners of the award are: Peter Wollitzer, Michael Paige, David Larsen, and James Langridge.

Letters of Nomination are accepted from Forum members only. For more details on the award and the nomination process, please visit: <http://www.forumea.org/wollitzeraward.htm> Nominations are due January 6, 2011; the recipient will be announced at the Annual Conference.

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