



## FORUM NEWS

NOVEMBER 10, 2009

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

November 17:  
State of the Field  
Survey closes

November 18:  
Applications for  
Fireside Dialogue  
due

December 7:  
Standards of Good  
Practice Workshop,  
London

December 16:  
Webinar: "Best  
Practices at Work:  
Demystifying  
Education Abroad  
Finances"

## Undergraduate Research Award Winners Announced

The Forum is very pleased to announce the winners of the Undergraduate Research Awards for this year. They represent a diversity of disciplines, institutions and geographic locations. The winners will present summaries of their research projects and how the experience has impacted them at a plenary luncheon at the Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina on March 26, 2010. The winners are:

- Sun Jin Lee, Yale University

Program: Yale University Rainforest Expedition and Laboratory, Bolivia and Peru

Project: Amazonian endophytes as a platform for discovery of novel anti-inflammatory therapies to inhibit pathogenic processes relevant for preterm birth

- Beth Ann Saracco, University of Dayton

Programs: Center for Social Concern, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala Summer Immersion, University of Dayton; Cultural Identity, Social Justice, and Community Development, School for International Training, Chile

Project: ¡Justicia Ahora! The Movement for Justice in Chile and Guatemala

- Kenneth Richard Wong, University of California, San Diego

Program: University of Ghana, Legon Semester Immersion Program (University of California EAP)

Project: Dangerous Delays: Impediments to Pediatric Malaria Treatment in Ghana

Special thanks to Neal Sobania of Pacific Lutheran University for overseeing the selection process, as well as the faculty from Forum member institutions who served as judges. This was a highly competitive selection process with an impressive number of applications submitted. The Forum thanks all of the nominees and their institutions for participating in the Undergraduate Research Awards.

## Standards of Good Practice Workshop to be Offered in London

The Forum will offer its signature workshop, "**An Introduction to the Forum's *Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad***," on Monday, December 7, 2009, 9:00am – Noon, at the Foundation for International Education (FIE), 114 Cromwell Road, London, U.K. The purpose of this workshop is to provide an overview of the Forum's *Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad*. It is ideally suited both for those unfamiliar

with the Standards, as well as for colleagues who want to delve more deeply into how to use them for program development, assessment and improvement. The workshop will examine the philosophy and purpose of the Standards and their use as a tool for program assessment and improvement. Workshop activities will include an analysis of case studies that illustrate how the Standards are a useful tool for assessment and improvement of education abroad programs. The *Standards* are recognized as the definitive means for guiding education abroad programs. For more information on the workshop, including how to register:

<http://www.forumea.org/Londonworkshop09.htm>

## Webinar on Education Abroad Financial Best Practices

The Forum is pleased to offer a specially-designed webinar, **Best Practices at Work: Demystifying Education Abroad Finances**, that will examine and discuss best practices in education abroad financial management based on the Forum's *Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad* and *The Code of Ethics for Education Abroad*. The webinar presents essential concepts in education abroad finances and is also excellent preparation for a more extended treatment on the topic that will be offered in a workshop at the Forum Annual Conference, "The Vision and Value Behind the Dollar Sign: Financial Models for Education Abroad."

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 2:15pm (EDT)

**Webinar Leaders:** Joe Brockington, Kalamazoo College  
Michael Morrison, Baylor University;  
Chair, Forum Ethics Sub-Committee

For more information about the webinar, including how to register:

<http://www.forumea.org/webinar12-09.htm>

## Reminder: Fireside Dialogue Application Deadline November 18

The Forum Fireside Dialogues are an excellent way to focus on education abroad topics and issues in a relaxed, collegial atmosphere, facilitated by leaders in the field. Two Dialogues will be offered immediately following the Annual Conference, both hosted on the campus of Davidson College. The number of participants is kept small to facilitate interaction and discussion, and a waiting list will be maintained. The two Fireside Dialogues offered this year are:

- **"Institutional Leadership for Education Abroad,"** intended for Provosts and Deans seeking to develop and advance education abroad in broad and deep ways across their institutions. Participants will help generate this Dialogue's topics, which will include staffing and financial models, managing relationships with provider organizations and international partners, and faculty incentives and curriculum development. The focus will be on the sharing of best practices and discussion of strategies to address the challenges facing participants' institutions. Facilitators: Mary Dwyer, President, IES Abroad and Chair of the Forum Board of Directors; Neil Weissman, Provost and Dean of the College, Dickinson College; Daniel Wubah, Vice President and Dean of Undergraduate Education, Virginia

Polytechnic Institute and State University.

• **“Mid-Career Professionals: Topics in Leadership,”** has been offered successfully twice before. This Dialogue is ideal for midcareer colleagues who seek a rare opportunity to explore the nature of leadership with senior leaders in the field and with each other. It focuses on the development of key skills essential to leadership both within organizations and within the field of education abroad as a whole. Discussion topics include strategic planning, university and organizational governance, personnel management, financial and resource management, and personal advocacy. Facilitators: Katharine Krebs, Vice Provost for International Affairs, Binghamton University; Shaik Ismail, Director of International Programs, Linfield College; David Larsen, Special Assistant to the President, Arcadia University.

Recent participants in this Fireside Dialogue commented:

-- “I’m recommending this workshop to colleagues who are in middle management positions - I think it was a highly valuable activity to get out of the daily routine and think about where I’m going in my career and professional life. Extremely valuable, and much appreciated!”

-- “I like the fact that there were three different leaders with different backgrounds and very interesting points of view.”

-- “Thank you very much for providing this opportunity, it was very helpful and also inspiring.”

Participants are asked to submit applications so that the content of the Fireside Dialogues can be tailored to their experience and interests. Applications are due November 18. Registration for the Dialogues and more details can be found at:

<http://www.forumea.org/FD10.htm>