

### The Forum State of the Field Survey 2008

All Forum Institutional Members are invited to participate in the 2008 Forum State of the Field Survey. This signature initiative takes the pulse of the Forum membership on a variety of topics of critical importance to the field. The data gathered from this second Survey will be compared with benchmark data from the first State of the Field Survey (2006). New this year are several questions that are part of a collaborative research effort with the Institute for International Education (IIE) to assess the capacity for education abroad expansion. Institutional Representatives from each member institution will receive an email with a link to the online survey and instructions at the end of this week. Thanks to Kim Kreutzer, Elaine Meyer-Lee, Elise Rayner and the entire Data Committee for their leadership!

### Announcement: Opportunity to Sponsor the Forum Glossary

The *Education Abroad Glossary* is a project of the Forum's Data Committee, resulting from a four-year effort of the Glossary Task Force, led by Chip Peterson (University of Minnesota), along with feedback and dialogue from Forum members and the field at large. The Education Abroad Glossary is the next in a series of groundbreaking essential resources produced by the Forum for the field of education abroad. Past publications have met with huge success, and have had broad distribution throughout the field. The Forum is pleased to announce an exclusive opportunity for Forum member organizations to sponsor this landmark publication at two levels: Partner (\$3,000) and Supporter (\$1,000). For full information: <http://www.forumea.org/research-data.cfm>.

#### WELCOME!

Welcome to these new Forum institutional members:

Dublin City University

Pacific University

Signature World Services

University of Hartford

University of Oregon

Vassar College

#### DATES To NOTE

September 15, 2008:

Online conference registration opens

November 15, 2008:

Peer Reviewer Training Workshop in Nashville, TN

February 18-20, 2009:

Fifth Forum Conference, Portland, OR

### Record Number of Conference Proposals Submitted!

The Forum has received 65 session proposals for the upcoming conference in Portland, Oregon. This year's theme, "Being There: Teaching and Learning Abroad," has encouraged the submission of very thought-provoking and insightful proposals that will be sure to get conference participants engaged in great discussion. Topics include curriculum integration, cultural learning strategies, advising, assessment, short term programs, intercultural competence, data collection and sustainability. Conference attendees will definitely have a challenging task of deciding which session to attend at the conference. Registration for the conference begins September 15.

### Forum Undergraduate Research Award in Action

Brittany Murlas, a winner of the Forum's 2008 Undergraduate Research Award wrote to share that "thanks to the travel award from the Forum, I had an amazing summer, in Honduras! Thanks for letting me pursue my research ... I spent the summer bettering my Spanish, and beginning a research project on the role of education in rural development."



Brittany enjoying a meal with her host family, her mother, and her University of California, Berkeley professor.

### In Memoriam: David A.J. Macey

The Forum lost a good friend, colleague, and a strong supporter of and contributor to the Forum. Dr. David Macey, former Director of Off-Campus Study at Middlebury College and a Forum Peer Reviewer, passed away on August 10, 2008. David supported the Forum from the beginning, signing Middlebury College on as a Charter Member. In 2007 he served an important role as a Peer Reviewer in the Forum's Standards Pilot Project, and was a participant in the Forum Conferences. Those who worked with David valued his honest, thoughtful dialogue on issues both large and small. The Forum extends its condolences to David's family and friends, and to the Middlebury Community. For an announcement about David's passing: <http://middleburynews.blogspot.com/>

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