

Undergraduate Research Award Winners

The Forum is proud to announce the winners of the 2008 Undergraduate Research Awards:

Jeremy Bittlingmaier Martin, Middlebury College (Middlebury College, Montevideo, Uruguay Program) "Uruguay's Choice: Boost the Economy or Bust the Environment: An Investigation of the Various Impacts of Botnia."

Reynolds Whalen, Washington University, Saint Louis (Saint Lawrence University Kenya Program and Washington University Hoopes Research Fellow, Nairobi, Kenya): "Haba na Haba and the Use of Drama for Community Education and Development."

Ryan Eley, Timothy Grant, Alexandra Kulinkina and Alexandra Sanseverino, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Worcester Polytechnic Institute Program, Mae Moh, Thailand): "Two Sides to Every Story: A Case of Environmental Communication in Mae Moh, Thailand."

Congratulations to the winners, their home institutions and education abroad programs!

Now in its fifth year, this year's Undergraduate Research Award competition was highly selective, with the number of nominations more than doubling over last year. The student winners will present their research at a plenary luncheon at the Forum Conference in Portland, Oregon on February 20, 2009.

The Forum offers its sincere thanks and gratitude to Jodi Malmgren, University of Minnesota, for coordinating the award selection process, and to the faculty at Forum member institutions who reviewed the applications.

WELCOME!
To these new
Forum members:

Armenian General
Benevolent Union
Greenville Technical
College
Texas Lutheran
University

DATES TO NOTE

October 15, 2008
Deadline for [Fireside
Dialogue Applications](#)

November 15, 2008
Peer Reviewer
Training Workshop,
after the CIEE
conference,
Nashville, TN

December 15, 2008
Early-bird conference
registration ends

February 18-20,
2009: Fifth Forum
Conference,
Portland, OR

The Forum Conference... A Priceless Experience

For those of you who have "must register for the Forum Conference" on your to-do list, consider doing so now to take advantage of the bargain airfares that are available! We've heard of some great deals on flights from the East Coast to Portland. Keep in mind that the room rates at the Hilton are exceptional – just \$139/night for a standard room. The low room rates, great deals on travel, more than 50 high-quality sessions, and the unlimited opportunities for networking add up to a priceless experience!

Highlights of Pre-Conference Opportunities

Two Fireside Dialogues offered!

- "Mid-Career Professionals: Topics in Leadership" facilitated by Patti Brown, Paul Primak and Stevan Trooboff
- "Making the Case: Beyond the Basics of Risk Management" facilitated by Natalie Mello and Bill Frederick

Fireside Dialogues will begin Sunday evening, February 15 and continue through 12 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17. Participation in each Fireside Dialogue will be limited to 20 participants. The Fireside Dialogue format offers a unique opportunity to focus intensively on important education abroad topics. Participants must have at least five years of experience in the field of education abroad and a long-term commitment to international education. **Applications are due Wednesday, October 15.** Selected participants will be notified on Friday, October 31. Forum members will be given preference over non-member applicants and a waiting list will be maintained. The fee to participate in the Fireside Dialogue is \$325, which includes group meals. Visit the [Fireside Dialogue webpage](#) for further details and to fill out a brief application.

Choose from Nine Pre-Conference Workshops!

- Interrogating the Educational Purpose of Off-Campus Study in the Liberal Arts
- Student Learning Abroad: From Intercultural Theory to Practice
- The Millennial Generation: Strategies for Education Abroad Programming
- Assessing Global Learning and Development: Using the Global Perspective Inventory (GPI) to Promote Holistic Learning and Development
- An Introduction to the Forum's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad
- Legal Issues and Case Studies in Education Abroad
- Limits and Luxuries of Liminality: Critical Teaching and Learning in a Changing Context
- Alignment & Accountability: The Effective Design Implementation of Qualitative Assessment in the Field of Study Abroad
- QUIP Peer Reviewer Training Workshop

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and is part of the conference registration process. Visit the [Pre-conference Workshops](#) webpage for more information.

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