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Forum Office Launched in Carlisle, Pennsylvania!

The Forum's offices are now open on the Dickinson College campus at 233 West Louther Street in Carlisle, PA! The Forum has its own building that contains several office spaces, workroom, and a conference room. Under the terms of the strategic partnership, Forum employees are hired through Dickinson College and receive full Dickinson benefits. While the Forum will

remain a separate organization, Dickinson will provide infrastructure support as it does to other campus academic departments and offices.

As part of the strategic partnership with the Forum, Dickinson College has released Brian Whalen from 50% of his responsibilities at the college in order for him to serve as Forum President and CEO. Brian remains Associate Dean and Executive Director of the Office of Global Education at Dickinson, and others on his Dickinson staff have been promoted and/or had their responsibilities broadened to compensate for his dedicating half of his time to the Forum.

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Forum Director Named

After a search that yielded many well-qualified candidates, Ms. Kalyani (Kay) Glass has been appointed the Forum's full-time Director. Reporting to Brian Whalen, Kay will oversee the Forum's daily office operations, member recruitment and retention, communications and marketing, and conference planning and management. Kay's considerable expertise in marketing, communications, public relations, and events planning will serve the Forum members and constituents extremely well.

Kay has worked as a consultant and staff member with a number of nonprofits, including as Manager of Communications for the New York Landmarks Conservancy, Director of Communications for Partners for Sacred Places, and conference coordinator for the Central Pennsylvania Consortium of Colleges. She has also been an account executive with JWT Specialized Communications, and marketing director for Steege/Thomson Communications.

Kay has completed projects for a number of educational institutions, including the organization of a conference for the Central Pennsylvania Consortium (Dickinson College, Gettysburg College, and Franklin and Marshall College) on academic freedom and teaching, planning a three-year, nationwide sesquicentennial celebration for the Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University, and writing an admissions brochure to attract students from underrepresented populations to the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

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A native of the California Bay Area, Kay is a 1992 graduate of Bryn Mawr College. She has practiced her Spanish conversational skills by traveling to Spain and Mexico, and describes herself as a committed world traveler who is intensely interested in other cultures and societies. After a trip to Italy, she started studying Italian language and is always looking for practice partners.

Forum Council Election Results

At the annual meeting, Forum members voted to fill five open slots on the Forum Council. A sixth slot became open after the election, due to Joan Raducha resigning her position on the Council. Joan was a leading member of the Council from its inception and recently had served as Vice Chair. We thank her for her leadership of and work on the Council.

The results of the election yielded the following outstanding six colleagues who will join and re-join the Forum Council:

Bill Anthony, Northwestern University

Mell Bolen, Brethren Colleges Abroad

Kate Darian-Smith, University of Melbourne

Dennis Gordon, Santa Clara University

Lance Kenney, Villanova University

Natalie Mello, Worcester Polytechnic Institute