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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. —Stacey Shimizu, Illinois Wesleyan University's Director of the International Office, has been named Institute for the International Education of Students (IES Abroad) Volunteer of the Year.

"I am honored that IES thinks the work I do is worth recognition," Shimizu said. "But, really, it has been an honor and a privilege for me to collaborate over the years with these amazing people. I'll keep volunteering with them as long as they will have me."

IES Abroad – a not-for-profit study abroad organization that has provided study abroad and internship programs to more than 120,000 students since 1950 – presents the annual award to a study abroad professional who has supported and strengthened the mission of the study abroad field through extraordinary volunteer efforts. The awardee is chosen by the institutional member representatives at IES Abroad.

"I've had the pleasure of working with Stacey throughout her time at Illinois Wesleyan," said IES Abroad Associate Vice President of Recruiting and College Relations Michael Green. "Her dedication to study abroad and Illinois Wesleyan students is both outstanding and inspiring. She continuously advocates for the highest academic standards and quality in our field."

Shimizu began teaching English, women's studies, and environmental studies at Illinois Wesleyan in 1995. She has simultaneously served in other roles through her years at the University, including a semester as assistant to the director at [Illinois Wesleyan's London Program](#), six years as assistant director of corporate and foundation relations, and 11 years in her current role as director of the international office.

Through participation in IES Abroad Familiarization Trips to Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca and Dublin, Shimizu has demonstrated her interest in IES Abroad programming and has cultivated an understanding of study abroad programs in order to advise Illinois Wesleyan students.

Shimizu has been active in IES Abroad on both the program planning committee and the nominations committee in 2010, and on the institutional membership committee from 2015-17.

Fifty-one percent of Illinois Wesleyan students participate in a [study abroad program](#).



Illinois Wesleyan Director of the International Office Stacey Shimizu (L) is presented the IES Abroad Volunteer of the Year award by Dr. Mary M. Dwyer (R), CEO and President of IES Abroad.

*By John Twork*