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UCSB Graduate Receives Research Award from the Forum on Education Abroad

Jason Nossiter, a 2006 political science graduate of UC Santa Barbara, has received an Undergraduate Research Award from the Forum on Education Abroad for his senior thesis, "France Says 'Non': Elites, Publics and the Defeat of the EU Constitutional Treaty." He completed the work following a year of study at the Sciences Po Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris. His project examined the dynamics that shaped France's historic referendum on the European Constitution in May 2005, including how elite and mass opinion diverged during the course of the referendum campaign.

Nossiter, of San Francisco, will join fellow award winners Hannah Arem from Cornell University and Demetri Blanas from Columbia University in presenting summaries of their research at the Forum Conference in Austin, Texas, on March 3, 2007. In addition, the papers will appear in a special issue of "Frontiers," the journal of the Forum on Education Abroad.

The Forum on Education Abroad sponsors the annual competition to recognize outstanding undergraduate research and invites students across the United States to submit their research projects. At the University of California, the Education Abroad Program (EAP) at each campus suggests its own nominees and the UC Systemwide EAP selects one or two to compete in the national round. A volunteer

panel of faculty members from institutions around the country reviews the projects and chooses the winners.

Located on the campus of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the Forum on Education Abroad is a professional organization that has worked to establish standards of good practice and improved study abroad curricula. In recognition of its accomplishments, the United States Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission have designated the Forum on Education Abroad a Standards Development Organization (SDO) for the study abroad field.

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