



Dr. Sabine O'Hara is Managing Director and Vice President of Professors Beyond Borders and Principal of Global Ecology LLC. A respected author, researcher and higher education executive, she is well known for her expertise in sustainable economic development, global education and executive leadership. Dr. O'Hara is a strong advocate of higher education with experience in virtually every aspect of university administration including curriculum development, strategic planning, program accreditation, international partnerships, development and marketing. She firmly believes that education cannot merely provide answers to our questions; it must also question our answers. Education must be relevant; it must compel us to think about the larger social, cultural and environmental contexts within which we live; it must question familiar scenarios and standard solutions; it must equip us to sustain global networks of collaboration; and it must prepare us to imagine the unknown by drawing on multiple perspectives and experiences.

From 2007 to 2010 Dr. O'Hara served as Executive Director of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), a Washington DC based organization that administers the Fulbright scholar program and works with over 3000 universities in over 130 countries. During her tenure O'Hara almost doubled applications of U.S. scholars to the Fulbright program, strengthened the merit based peer review process, introduced administrative efficiencies and developed and facilitated a global collaboration of scholars entitled *The University as Innovation Driver and Knowledge Center* that led to the launch of a new organization - *Professors Beyond Borders*.

Before joining CIES, Dr. O'Hara was the 10th President of Roanoke College in Salem, VA and held administrative and faculty positions at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, at Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY and as visiting scholar at Harvard University.

As president of Roanoke, she led the college through a successful strategic planning process, initiated curriculum reform focused on integrating learning in and outside of the classroom, laid the groundwork for a successful capital campaign, and conducted a regional economic development study on behalf of the Roanoke Valley Business Council; at Concordia she oversaw the successful reaccreditation of the College by the Higher Learning Commission; she led Green Mountain College through its successful transformation as Vermont's environmental liberal arts college; co-chaired the development and successful accreditation of the nation's first Ph.D. program in Ecological Economics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and conducted a needs and skills assessment survey in urban neighborhoods in Schenectady, NY that resulted in the launch of several micro-enterprises.

A native of Germany, O'Hara earned a doctorate in environmental economics from the University of Göttingen, Germany. She serves on the board of directors of several national and international organizations, including as past president of the United States Society for Ecological Economics, past secretary of the Council of Scientific Society Presidents, on the International Task Force of the American Chemical Society, the International Advisory Board of King Abdulaziz University and as reviewer and editorial board member of several academic journals. For more information please visit www.globalecology.com or email sabine.ohara@globalecology.com

