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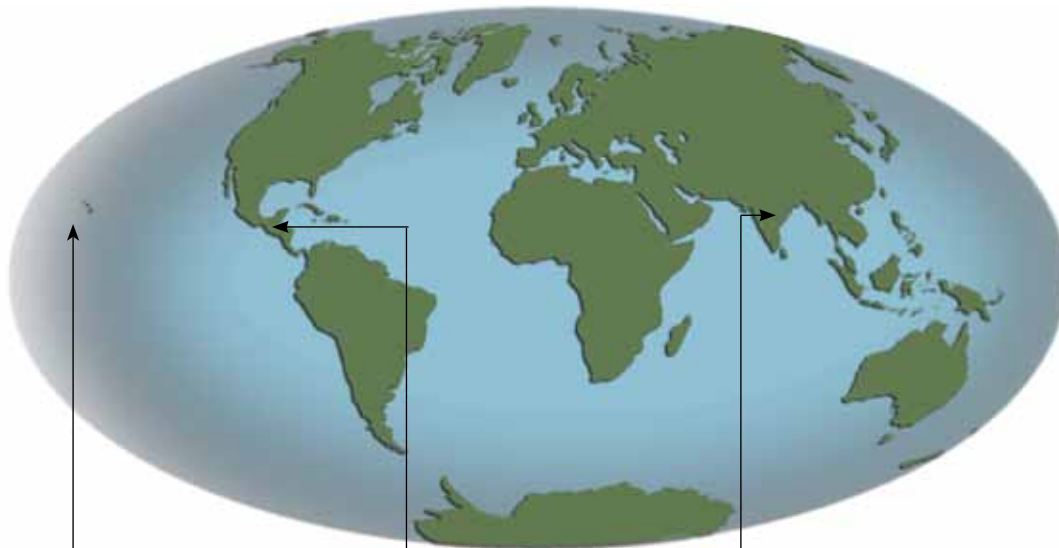
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## From the blogosphere

DESPITE ITS BEST EFFORTS, *Furman* magazine can't always cover everything involving the university and its people. But fortunately for readers, the growing online blogosphere provides access to all sorts of information about Furman people, places and things.

Travel, in particular, seems to lend itself to blogging, especially when it comes to Furman folks. Although this is hardly an exhaustive list, here are a few blogs that provide insights into recent travel and/or study away experiences by programs and individuals with Furman connections.



### Furman at APEC

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum is the premier economic organization in the Asia-Pacific region. It promotes economic growth, cooperation and trade among the 21 affiliated countries. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Riley Institute, for the eighth time in nine years Furman students attended the APEC conference, held in November in Hawaii. There they were joined by such dignitaries as President Obama, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and prime ministers Julia Gillard of Australia and Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore, who discussed, among other things, the hazards of chewing gum in his country.

<http://furmanapechawaii.tumblr.com>

### Adventure in Guatemala

When Cameron Tommey '10 graduated from Furman, he took his Compton Mentor Fellowship and headed to Guatemala for a year of work on environmental issues. He's now back in the States and spoke at Furman during fall semester about his experiences.

<http://cameroninguatemala.wordpress.com>

### Study Away in India

Eighteen students and two professors spent most of fall semester in India, touring, traveling and absorbing the country's culture and history.

<http://gis.furman.edu/2011india>

## On YouTube

A LARGE CONTINGENT of Furman students became YouTube sensations last spring with their flash mob performance in Greenville's Falls Park. But they have nothing on at least two other students whose videos are drawing a growing online fan base.



## 1,700,000 Hits

Blake S. Campbell '14 of Pensacola, Fla. (right), posts light-hearted raps on a variety of pop culture topics, from Casey Anthony to Pokémon. His YouTube channel, *blakescampbell*, has more than 17,000 subscribers and 1.7 million hits. But he doesn't take his efforts too seriously: "People find my awkward rapping about weird topics endearing."



## 1,500,000 Hits

A little more serious, but not overly so, is Katie McLean '13 of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. She's been recording original songs and covers since she was 16, and while she took a bit of a hiatus for a while, she continues to attract fans to *acoustickatie24*. She has more than 15,000 subscribers, and the video to her song "Not Enough" by itself has been viewed more than 1.5 million times.