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Dr. Brenda Strassfeld, Chair of Touro College Mathematics Education Program, to Visit Weizmann Institute

New York, N.Y., November 21, 2011 – Dr. Brenda Strassfeld, Chair of the Mathematics Education Program at Touro College’s Graduate School of Education, will be a Feinberg Foundation Visiting Faculty Fellow in the Department of Science Teaching at the Weizmann Institute of Science beginning in December 2012.

The Feinberg Foundation attracts academics from around the world to pursue collaborative research at the Institute, an international center of scientific research and graduate study located in Rehovot, Israel. Participating fellows are expected to give seminars or mini-courses that contribute to the enrichment of graduate student education.

“The Graduate School of Education is extremely proud that one of its faculty members, and the chair of one of its programs, has been selected as a Visiting Faculty Fellow at the Weizmann Institute,” said Dr. Lamar Miller, dean of the Graduate School of Education. “This is a tremendous academic opportunity and one that is richly deserved. Dr. Strassfeld’s profound dedication to the promotion of high quality teaching, and her pursuit of research to maximize all student learning, will serve her well during the fellowship. Touro will also benefit when, upon her return, she shares her experiences and learning with other faculty members.”

Dr. Strassfeld has been involved in both mathematics and mathematics education on the local, national and international levels for over thirty years. She has presented at numerous conferences, and her research interests include the attitudes and beliefs of teachers and students as they relate to the learning and teaching of mathematics and teacher preparation.

During her fellowship, Dr. Strassfeld will be hosted by Dr. Ruhama Even, head of Mathematics Group at Weizmann and who holds the Rudy Bruner Chair of Science Teaching at the Institute. She will research mathematical modeling - the process of choosing and using appropriate mathematics and statistics to analyze and improve understanding of empirical situations and decision-making.

Dr. Strassfeld received her bachelor’s degree in mathematics/mathematics education and a master’s in mathematics from Brooklyn College. She received her Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Plymouth, U.K.

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was established in 1971 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. More than 18,000 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris, and Florida. Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus, as well as Touro College Los Angeles, are separately accredited institutions governed in common by the same Board of Trustees as Touro College. For further information on Touro College, please go to: <http://www.touro.edu/media/>.

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