



## **Michael Baum**

Prof. Michael Baum is Executive Board member of the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) and also Director of SiPN (Study in Portugal Network).

Prior to his nomination to FLAD by the Portuguese Prime Minister in 2014, Prof. Baum was a full professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth (now on leave). More recently, he was invited to teach in the doctoral program in public policy at ISCTE-IUL. Besides his teaching and research interests in Portugal, Prof. Baum has a long history of personal and administrative experience linking the two countries. A two-time Fulbright grantee to Portugal (1993-94 and 2000), from 2001-13 he developed and directed an annual summer study abroad program at ISEG-UTL, now part of the University of Lisbon. From 2012-14 he developed and directed UMass in Lisbon, the first year-round study abroad program for the UMass system in Portugal. For 9 years he served as Chair of a department that served approximately 160 majors with 10 full-time faculty. He was elected for three terms as President of the UMass Dartmouth Faculty Senate, and for several years he served as co-chair of the Iberian Studies Group at Harvard University. Baum is a dual-national of Portugal and the US and is married with two children.