



USAID Alumni Association

April 2016 UAA Newsletter

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

Monday, May 9, 2016 - 10:00 to Noon - **Don Steinberg**, former USAID Deputy Administrator and now President/CEO of World Learning, will speak on "**Trading Places: USAID Forward and the Global Development Environment: A Partner's Perspective.**" Join us at this Development Dialogue at DACOR as he reflects on his remarks to the UAA AGM three years ago, this time from the vantage point of the leader of a mid-sized NGO

Sunday, June 5, 2016 - Save the date! UAA Spring Reception will be held this year at the DACOR Bacon House, 1801 F St. NW, Washington, DC. from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Saturday, August 6, 2016 - Save the date! Fifth Annual UAA Summer Picnic will be held again this year at Fort Hunt in Alexandria, Virginia

New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** On the [In Memoriam](#) page, there is one new notice of a deceased alumnus.
- In the [Forum](#), read about 1) editing that has been done to the USAID article on Wikipedia, 2) the UAA supported Santa Fe World Affairs Forum and 3) the information request of the son of a USAID Vietnam employee.
- On March 7, **Jim Michel** spoke to a large crowd at DACOR on "**Beyond Aid: The Integration of Sustainable Development in a Coherent International Agenda**," the subject of his recently published CSIS book. Hear Jim's talk and the follow-up Q&As [here](#) and see the associated charts [here](#).
- In [Articles](#), take a look at 1) an assessment of the ever-more prospering farmers of Africa, 2) an NPR interview with Gayle Smith, USAID's new Administrator, 3) a CBS/Miami interview with ex-Cuba prisoner Alan Gross, one year following his release, 4) a CSPAN discussion with Gayle Smith re. her vision for USAID, 5) an article of USAID's views on the future of partnership, and 6) Gayle Smith's views on the Obama Administration's "end-game" strategy for USAID.
- Under [Web Links](#), the Good Country Index as well as the latest edition of the USAID Impact Newsletter.
- In [Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities](#), there are several newly posted job

offerings.

- Looking for old friends and colleagues? Check out our ever-evolving [Alumni Directory](#). Note: To get the password to view the Directory, you must first request to be included in it.
- The UAA Board has approved an updated **Statement of UAA Strategic Goals and Implementation Plan for 2016-2018**. Take a look at it [here](#).

Do you have news, an article or event you would like to share? Please send it to office@usaidalumni.org or, better still, post it on the [Forum](#).

Looking for someone with a USAID alumni background and skills to hire or as a volunteer? If you would like to post a job or volunteer opportunity, please email us at office@usaidalumni.org, Attn: Jobs/Volunteers.

UAA Collaborates with Santa Fe World Affairs Forum for 2016 Annual Symposium on "Crisis in Migration : A New World of Walls?"

The USAID Alumni Association is collaborating with the Santa Fe World Affairs Forum (SFWAF) in **New Mexico** for the presentation of its annual symposium on **April 18 and 19** as described below. UAA members may attend at the member price of \$85 for the two-day symposium as opposed to the non-member price of \$110. This is a unique opportunity to participate in an especially timely gathering with recognized experts on the subject of the crisis in human migration now facing the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. There will be ample opportunities to interact with presenters, both during the Q&A portion of the presentations as well as during breaks, lunches and a reception following the first day program. Please note that one of our own, **Bill Garvelink**, is one of the presenters. He follows in the footsteps of Jim Michel who was a presenter in the 2014 symposium on Diplomacy as an alternative to conflict.

For details on the program and registration, please [click here](#).

New Initiative : UAA Luncheon Book Club

For those of you in the Washington, D.C. area, UAA's joint subcommittees on Economic Growth and Institutional Strengthening are holding informal reviews of books or publications. At present the venue of choice is the Circle Bistro Restaurant at Washington Circle NW, Washington, DC 20037.

The format for the luncheon and discussion is informal. On March 15 the group discussed "Why Nations Fail" by Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson. Bobbie van Haeften provided an overview of the book and its main theses. Her opening was complemented by shorter presentations by Paul Mulligan and Juan Buttari on how the book approaches the evolution of institutions in Africa and Latin America respectively.

The next book-group meeting is scheduled for mid-May and will be a presentation by Jim Fox on the Robert Gordon's much talked-about book "**The Rise and Fall of American Growth**" in which Gordon argues that we in the U.S. are condemned to slow growth in the future.

The group aims for meetings every four to six weeks. Attendance is open and we

welcome all colleagues interested in the topic. Confirmation of date and venue for the May get together will appear in the May Newsletter or you can contact Juan Buttari at jbuttari@verizon.net for information.

Vacancy: Co-Chair, UAA Public Outreach Committee

UAA is looking for an Alum who would be interested in serving as Co-Chair of the UAA Public Outreach Committee, with Bill Anderson. The purpose of the Public Outreach Committee is to sponsor activities that will inform the American public and the professional development community on successful and sustainable development by drawing upon the wisdom and collective on-the-ground experience of UAA's membership. Recent activities have included the reestablishment of a Speakers Bureau, media training for alums provided by USAID/LPA, and outreach to USAID alumni currently teaching or associated with colleges and universities in the US. Interested alum should send an email to outreach@usaidalumni.org.

2016 UAA "Alumni of the Year" Awards Program

In 2016, the UAA will continue to recognize significant contributions by USAID alumni. Since its inception in 2014, this awards program has honored five outstanding alumni whose contributions to their communities have inspired us all. The UAA Awards Committee is now starting its search for the "2016 Alumni of the Year."

The "Alumni of the Year" awards are intended to recognize and celebrate new paths taken by USAID alumni to provide service to their communities and make lasting contributions to others. For full details about the Award and how to make nominations, click [here](#).

Alumni Profiles

JON LINDBORG



How does a guy from a small rural community in Indiana end up in a development career? Jon Lindborg's family hosted a series of international exchange students who expanded his vistas beyond the farmland surrounding his boyhood home. During high school, he spent a summer studying Spanish in Mexico. After completing his undergraduate degree, he joined the Peace Corps. He spent three years teaching in the South Pacific Kingdom of Tonga -- not unlike rural Indiana in its isolation, but

surrounded by the Pacific Ocean instead of cornfields. From then on, he was hooked on doing international work.

After a six-year interlude managing their family farm in Indiana, while pursuing a graduate degree at Purdue University, Jon returned to Tonga where he was Country Director for the Foundation for the South Pacific. This is also where he learned more about USAID and joined the Agency in 1986. His first assignment was a Private Enterprise Development Officer in Indonesia. He then led USAID private sector development offices in Sri Lanka and Jordan. Jon returned to Indonesia as Deputy Mission Director before becoming Mission Director in the Philippines, from where he retired in 2009.

Jon then joined the Asian Development Bank (ADB), based in Manila, where he led the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) infrastructure practice for the Southeast Asia Department, supporting environment and infrastructure projects throughout Southeast Asia. Subsequently, Jon was appointed ADB's Country Director in Indonesia. Reaching ADB's mandatory retirement age of 60, he left in late-2013.

Jon now lives in Kailua-Kona on the "Big Island" of Hawaii. He remains engaged with international development and finance work, including two recent 6-month senior advisor stints with USAID/Indonesia. Jon looks back on his USAID career with appreciation, feeling he learned more than he ever gave in return. Not only did he gain a wealth of development knowledge and skills, Jon notes that he was blessed with smart colleagues and wonderful mentors.

In his spare time, Jon enjoys ocean sports and exploring the Big Island. He participates regularly in an ocean swimming group that follows the Ironman route, is a member of a Hawaiian paddling club and still tries to continue his longtime windsurfing passion, even as his body doesn't always cooperate. Also located in the Pacific Islands region, his son Ryan is a student at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. Jon can be reached at jlindborg@msn.com.

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