



# USAID Alumni Association

## July 2016 UAA Newsletter

### Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

**Monday, August 1, 2016, 10:00am to noon** - **Sam Worthington**, Chief Executive Officer of InterAction will speak on "**The Change We Seek: The Evolving Role of U.S. NGOs in a Shifting Aid Landscape**". This event is part of the UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue series held at DACOR, 1801 F St. NW, Washington, DC.

**Saturday, August 6, 2016, noon to 3:00pm** - Fifth Annual UAA Summer Picnic will be held again this year at Fort Hunt in Alexandria, Virginia. See below for details. RSVP today!

**Wednesday, August 17, 2016** - Will you be in Vermont this August? Join other USAID alumni for a picnic hosted by Steve and Monica Sinding on Wednesday, August 17th, at their home in Manchester, Vermont. For more information, contact Steve at [ssinding@gmail.com](mailto:ssinding@gmail.com).

### New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** Several recent notices have been added to the [In Memoriam](#) page.
- On June 6, USAID Philippines **FSO Dan Miller**, the third speaker in the **USAID Authors series**, gave a delightful and wide-ranging talk entitled "**Photos and Tales of Asian Nomads: The Experience of a USAID Author / Photographer**". Dan told many entertaining stories, illustrated his comments with beautiful photographs and also gave many tips on how best to design and publish photography books. [Listen](#) to Dan's presentation and [see his slides](#).
- On June 29, former USAID head of PPL **Alex Thier** gave a sweeping, optimistic and insightful presentation at DACOR on "**The US Development Agenda 2020: What the Next Four Years Could (Should) Bring**" with strong emphasis on, inter alia, inclusive economic growth. Listen to Alex's full talk [here](#).
- In [Articles](#), take a look at items on 1) the new Asia Infrastructure Development Bank is being more than just a tool of China, 2) whether USAID should become the new Department of Nation Building 3) an overview of the entire US foreign assistance program by the Congressional Research Service, 4) an assessment of whether US assistance is going to the countries where it would be best used, 5) the complaints of USAID contractors re: recent Agency procurement guidance, and 6) President Obama's note to the family of a slain Bangladeshi FSN/LGBT activist.
- In [Web Links](#), there is an interesting update of Foreign Policy's "Fragile State Index."

- In [Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities](#), there are several newly posted job offerings.
- Not sure if you have made your 2016 membership contribution to UAA? You can check it out [here](#). Note that the most recent update is thru the end of May.
- Looking for old friends and colleagues? Check out our ever-evolving [Alumni Directory](#). The Directory is now fully sortable. Just use the arrows at the top of each column. Note: To get the password to view the Directory, you must first request to be included in it.

Do you have news, an article or event you would like to share? Please send it to [office@usaidalumni.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@usaidalumni.org), Attn: Jobs/Volunteers.

## 5th Annual UAA Summer Picnic : August 6, 2016

### SAVE THE DATE! JOIN THE FUN!

5th Annual UAA Summer Picnic  
Fort Hunt Park, Alexandria, VA  
Saturday, August 6, 2016  
Noon - 3:00 pm

In order to have adequate water and soft drinks available, please let us know that you are coming and with how many adults and children. Respond to [office@usaidalumni.org](mailto:office@usaidalumni.org)

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#### Details:

The USAID ALUMNI ASSOCIATION will have its annual picnic on Saturday August 6 at Fort Hunt picnic area. While the site is reserved for the full day, our get together is scheduled from noon till 3:00pm. We hope everyone will come and bring other USAID Alumni, children, guitars, games, etc. The parking lot is a very short, convenient distance to the sheltered picnic area so we will proceed rain or shine.

This year we decided to repeat our successful pot luck so that people can bring dishes to share. We will provide non-alcoholic beverages, table covers, paper goods, cups and plastic ware.

Please bring one dish sufficient for 6 to 8 people. If you have a special dish that would be great. Otherwise, bring a dish according to the following categories.

People with last names between A and D are requested to bring a salad or side dish.

People with last names between E and M are requested to bring an appetizer.

People with last names between N and R are requested to bring a dessert.

People with last names between S and Z are requested to bring a main dish.

We will provide soft drinks and water, but please bring your own wine and beer - and some to share. The area has a liquor license, but for wine and beer only.

Directions: From Interstate 395, take exit 10B for the southbound George Washington Memorial Parkway. Merge onto the parkway and continue for about 12 miles. Turn right onto Fort Hunt Road and continue to the Park. The UAA picnic

will again be held in site B-001. Fort Hunt is South of Alexandria and just north of Mount Vernon. For further details [click here](#).

## UAA Spring Reception

The UAA spring reception was held at DACOR on Sunday, June 5th, drawing a crowd of about 80 UAA members, spouses and invited USAID guests, including recently appointed mission directors and deputies in town for a conference. Former USAID Administrator Peter McPherson and current Counselor Susan Reichle were honored guests.



Co-chairs Carol Peasley and Tish Butler updated the group on the growth of UAA's membership and activities. USAID counselor Susan Reichle thanked UAA for its support of the agency through policy reviews, the mentoring program, and its efforts to document and draw lessons from history.



## Search for Candidates to Serve on the UAA Board

**The Board of Directors is seeking from the UAA membership expressions of interest to serve on the UAA Board for the 2016 - 2018 cycle.** Please contact **Carol Peasley**, Chair of the 2016 Nominating Committee, at [cpeasley@usaidalumni.org](mailto:cpeasley@usaidalumni.org) to express your interest in running and/or to share your recommendations of other candidates.

**UAA Board composition:** A seven-member Board of Directors governs the affairs of the UAA. Each position on the Board is filled by election from among the UAA members for a two-year term. Incumbents may serve for up to two consecutive terms.

**Eligibility to serve on the Board:** UAA members who have paid their annual membership contribution for the current year are eligible to vote and to run for a seat on the Board. The applicable contribution amounts for 2015 are: \$75 for those living within a 50-mile radius of DC, \$50 for those living in the U.S. beyond the DC Metro area and \$25 for those living overseas or are former FSNs.

**Voting procedure:** Elections are conducted on-line beginning several weeks before the Annual General Meeting (AGM). We expect all voting this year to be done on-line prior to the AGM by COB Wednesday, October 19; we do not expect to permit voting the day of the AGM. Results are announced at the conclusion of the AGM, which this year is scheduled for Friday, October 21.

**Board seat openings in 2016:** This coming October, two UAA Board members will be completing the two-year terms for which they were elected. One additional Board member will have completed an (exceptional) one-year term that will be followed by a normal two-year term. Hence, **three** of the seven **UAA Board positions will be on the ballot this year.**

**Slate of Candidates:** A proposed slate of candidates recommended by the Board, along with all other candidates who have expressed an interest in serving on the Board, will be submitted to the UAA membership no later than the week of **September 7**, six weeks before the AGM, for the members' consideration and vote.

**Expressions of interest:** Please let us know if you are interested in running for a position on the UAA Board, or if you wish to recommend other UAA members who would be good candidates. Deadline for submission of names is August 7 so that the UAA Board can prepare and send out the ballots by the week of September 7.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in the activities of the UAA.

## The 2016 UAA "Alumni of the Year" Awards Program

The deadline is fast approaching to nominate someone (or yourself) for the 2016 "Alumni of the Year" award(s) that will be announced at the UAA's Annual General Meeting on October 21. The deadline for nomination submissions is Sunday, July 31. The "Alumni of the Year" awards recognize and celebrate new paths taken by USAID alumni to provide service to their communities and improve the lives of others at home and abroad. There are impressive contributions among our alumni community waiting to be recognized by our fellow alumni. Don't wait until the last minute to share those stories. All nominees, including the 2016 winner(s), will be featured in future editions of the monthly UAA Newsletter. For full details about the Award and how to make nominations, click [here](#).

## New Initiative: UAA Luncheon Book Club

The UAA's Economic Growth & Institutional Development joint subcommittee is pleased to announce that the next meeting of its book-group is scheduled for **Thursday July 14** at noon. As in the past, the event will take place at the Circle Bistro Restaurant at Washington Cir N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

The restaurant is in the Washington Circle Hotel, about a block and a half away from the Foggy Bottom Metro station (just cross the Washington Circle and walk along New Hampshire Avenue). There are three public parking garages within a block radius on L Street, as well as a few parking meters in front of the hotel on New Hampshire Avenue.

At this meeting, Juan Buttari will lead a discussion centered on the paper by economist Ricardo Hausmann, "Overdosing on Heterodoxy Can Kill You". The paper discusses key economic policy errors that led to the ongoing economic debacle in Venezuela. The presenter will link Hausmann's paper to relevant statistics and additional information on Venezuela. As usual, the presentation will be followed by Q&A's and an "open table" discussion.

Starting this meeting the subcommittee will prepare a report of the meeting and discussions to be shared with members of the UAA at large.

Each person will pay directly for his/her consumption. We hope this event is of interest to you and that you can make the session.

If you plan to participate or want additional information please contact Juan Buttari at [jbuttari@verizon.net](mailto:jbuttari@verizon.net)

## Vacancy: Co-Chair, 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](mailto:outreach@usaidalumni.org).

## Alumni Profile

### Glenn Slocum



Glenn Slocum in Taormina - Italy

As a 1969 USAID IDI, Glenn Slocum enjoyed a six-month, first-ever overseas tour in Pakistan, traveling around the country and visiting Afghanistan. Although he spent most of his 28-year career serving in French-speaking Africa (Cameroon, Senegal, Mauritania and Burundi), as well as four years in Paris at the OECD Club du Sahel, he also worked in the Africa Bureau in Washington for five years in between overseas assignments. His final USAID direct-hire service was in Washington, as Director of the Office of East Africa, following a year at the National War College.

After retiring in 1997, Glenn joined colleagues as the fourth partner to form Associates for Global Change (AGC), which engages in development work with a variety of private

and public organizations. In addition to the traditional development work in poor countries funded by donors, one unusual area of focus was corporate social responsibility in international extractive industries, such as oil and minerals. With AGC, Glenn also had a number of assignments with USAID, including two major studies: one of the record of the Office of Transition Initiatives upon its 10-year anniversary in 2000, and the other a study to update a 1984 USAID policy paper on local organizations in development.

In 2009, he left AGC to accept a number of temporary assignments with USAID as acting director in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Mali and Cote d'Ivoire, in addition to consulting assignments in Ghana and West Africa Regional. Since 2014, he has been a senior development adviser in the "firehouse" of the Crisis Surge Support Staff (CS3) in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance.

In addition to his international traveling, Glenn enjoys a second home in Ocean City, Maryland. With all the years he has spent working in and on Africa, he has deep personal ties to the continent. He provides assistance through an NGO, the Fund for African Relief and Education (FARE), which provides assistance to needy Africans, in such areas as students' tuition and related needs, and assistance to victims of conflict and natural disasters.

Glenn would enjoy hearing from his colleagues and can be reached at [GlennSlocum202@yahoo.com](mailto:GlennSlocum202@yahoo.com).

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