



USAID Alumni Association

October 2016 UAA Newsletter

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

Friday, October 21, 2016 - UAA Annual General Meeting at the Center for Global Development headquarters in Washington, DC. **Main theme - Learning from History.** Details below.

Monday, October 24, 2016 - 10:00 - Noon - "Endangered Threads Documentaries and the Maya Textile Tradition". Paul and Kathleen Vitale (retired USAID/Peace Corps) tell the story of how they are documenting in video the traditional Maya weaving of Guatemala and Mexico through their Endangered Threads Documentaries NGO. This event is the next UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue at DACOR.

Friday, November 18, 2016 - noon. The UAA Economic Growth & Institutional Development book group will hold its next meeting. The reading is a review of the challenges in education titled "**The Need for Accountability in Education in Developing Countries**", by Isaac M. Mbiti, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Summer 2016. For further information contact Juan Buttari at jbuttari@verizon.net. The session will take place at the Circle Bistro Restaurant at Washington Circle N.W.

New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** Several recent notices have been added to the [In Memoriam](#) page.
- In the [Forum](#), read about the new president of the Center for Global Development.
- In [Articles](#), take a look at items on 1) whether the Hill consensus on foreign aid could survive in an era of Donald Trump; 2) the status of USG negotiations on compensation with the family of Warren Weinstein; 3) the relatively low cost of foreign aid in ending world poverty; and 4) USAID plans to protect victims of human trafficking.
- In [Web Links](#), view the latest editions of Front Lines and the USAID Impact Newsletter.
- In [Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities](#), several new job offerings have been posted.

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

Save the Date - UAA 2016 Annual General Meeting - Friday, October 21

The 2016 UAA Annual General Meeting will be held on **October 21, 2016** at the **Center for Global Development headquarters in Washington, DC.**

This year's meeting theme is:

"Learning from History"

The program will feature an introductory panel on **"Learning from History of US Foreign Assistance 1789-1950,"** moderated by **Jim Beverand, USAID, with John Sanbrailo, Director, PADF; Julia Irwin, USF/Tampa, and Curt Tarnoff, Congressional Research Service.**

In the second session panelists **Michael Pillsbury, Jim Fox and Larry Heilman** will discuss **"Lessons from USAID Country Experience,"** focusing on lessons from Taiwan, Korea, Costa Rica and Bolivia.

The final panel will focus on **"Lessons from the past for the next Administration,"** moderated by **John Norris, with former administrators Peter McPherson, Brian Atwood and Henrietta Holsman Fore."**

USAID Administrator **Gayle Smith** will speak to attendees prior to the third panel.

Please click [here](#) to register for the AGM if you have not done so already.

Please note that, starting this year, members will need to vote for Board Members electronically in advance. No voting will take place at the AGM. To be eligible to vote Alumni need to be contributing members for 2016. Please check the web site to assure you are current for 2016 by clicking [here](#).

For voting and slate of candidates information please click [here](#).

Please click [here](#) to read the UAA's 2016 Progress Report and Preliminary Plans for 2017.

To defray catering costs there will be a fee of \$25 for non-contributing Alumni to attend the AGM

Center for Global Development is located at 2055 L St. NW, Washington, DC.

Support the 'DACOR - Access Project'

Since our establishment in 2009, the UAA has had a strong partnership with DACOR, including our frequent UAA-DACOR Development Dialogue events at the DACOR Bacon House on F Street in Washington, DC. The DACOR Bacon House, constructed in 1825, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is a beautiful venue for UAA activities, but also a challenging one in terms of accessibility. Recognizing this, the DACOR Bacon House Foundation has initiated a project to improve accessibility. It is a costly effort (\$130,000) because of the need to adhere to special requirements for historic buildings. The Foundation has already dedicated significant resources to the effort; it has also begun to solicit donations in order to complete the project during 2017. The UAA itself has committed to provide \$1,500 to the Foundation. We would also like to give individual UAA members an opportunity to contribute to the DACOR Bacon

Foundation. If you are interested in making a private, tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation to provide full accessibility to DACOR Bacon House, please contact **Susan Cimburek**, the Executive Director of the Foundation: secimburek@dacorbacon.org.

USAID Oral Histories - More Coming.

We are pleased to announce that USAID just entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the Association of Diplomatic Studies and Training (ADST) to conduct 50 new oral histories of USAID alumni. ADST will do so in collaboration with the UAA. USAID has indicated special interest in interviews of USAID alumni (including FSNs) with experience in the following USAID programs: supporting anti-apartheid groups in South Africa, Afghanistan, Iraq, Sudan, and South Sudan. If you have experience working in any of these countries and would be interested in being interviewed by ADST/UAA representatives, please contact **Carol Peasley**: cpeasley@usaidalumni.org. We will also follow-up with a separate message after a planning meeting with USAID.

Development Diplomats in Residence (DDIR)

USAID has launched a new program to place senior USAID officials at leading public and private academic institutions to conduct outreach activities that expose students to USAID's mission and global work, prepare candidates for the USAID application process, deepen students' understanding of international development, and build a broader constituency for USAID. **Cheryl Jennings** is on detail to California State University, Long Beach CA (covering Southern California, Nevada and Hawaii); **John Mark Winfield** is based at Morehouse College in Atlanta GA, covering the southeast United States. The Development Diplomats in Residence are looking for opportunities to engage USAID alumni -- to come speak with students and faculty, attend career fairs and engage in other outreach to university communities in these area. If you are interested in helping this new USAID outreach effort, please let us know at outreach@usaidalumni.org, and we will make sure you are on their radar.

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