



# USAID Alumni Association

## August 2020 Newsletter

### Note from the UAA Board

August is traditionally a month of holiday for the Parisians as well as for our UAA Newsletter editors. In the time of the coronavirus, however, we thought we should publish an abbreviated version dealing with two topics of particular interest to our readers: an updated calendar of events and a website primer.

### Calendars of Upcoming UAA Events

**VIRTUAL. Thursday, August 27, 2020, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** -- **Andrew Herscowitz**, newly appointed Chief Development Officer of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (formerly Director of USAID's Power Africa Initiative), and **Amanda Burke**, DFC Deputy Vice President, External Affairs, will serve as guest discussion leaders at the **Development Issues Committee meeting** on the formation and goals of the recently established Development Finance Corporation. Please note that this event is for UAA contributing members whose contributions were received by UAA on or before July 31st. Details on how 2020 contributing members may register for this virtual event will follow. Check the website listing [here](#) to assure that you have contributed in 2020.

**VIRTUAL. Saturday, September 12, 2020, 4:00-5:30 p.m.**-- **UAA Annual Summer Picnic** traditionally held at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, VA, will be held virtually this year due to the coronavirus gathering restrictions. This social event is open to all UAA alumni. Save the date; more information to follow.

**VIRTUAL. Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 12:30-1:30 p.m.** -- At the **UAA/DACOR virtual Development Dialogue, UNICEF Executive Director (and former USAID Administrator) Henrietta Holsman Fore** will speak on "**From USAID Administrator to UNICEF Executive Director - Challenges and Opportunities.**" She is a great friend of the UAA - and was in fact the USAID Administrator who initially suggested that USAID retirees should organize in an alumni organization. This promises to be a great treat for all, with plenty of time for a Q&A session. Details on how to register for this virtual event will follow.

**VIRTUAL. Friday, October 30, and Friday, November 6, 2020 -- UAA Annual General Meeting** will be held virtually on two dates. The first session on October 30 morning will address development issues related to climate change, and the second session on the morning of November 6 will cover UAA activities and priorities. More details will follow soon. Contributing UAA members are welcome to participate in both sessions but the UAA membership contributions for 2020 must be received by September 30 to ensure an invitation. Please check the UAA website listing [here](#) to assure that you have contributed in 2020.

**POSTPONED.** Please watch for an email announcing any rescheduling details of the **UAA Book Club** virtual meeting to review **Daniel Markovits's new book, *The***

## UAA Website Primer

Routine links to the website were, inadvertently, not all included in the July newsletter, and we heard about it. We realized that this is a good time to provide fresh guidance for all newsletter readers on how to access the UAA website for information of interest to you. This includes articles of the moment, obituaries, and job or volunteer opportunities. We have been refining the website to improve your access to information of most interest to you as alumni of USAID.

### **To get to the website:**

First, google USAID Alumni Association. For those of you who store your favorites, it is <https://www.usaidalumni.org>

### **At the home page, suggest you explore:**

Left side that gives background on UAA, how to join, or how to make your annual contribution.

Right side includes calendar updates. Scroll down for new postings, including recent UAA events and new Articles.

### **If you are looking for something specific:**

Across the top of the home page, there are seven additional tabs, most of which have drop downs that appear when you move your mouse arrow on them. Going left to right, three of the richest are:

#### Development Resources:

If you missed last month's Articles, they are archived at this tab. This site also contains the Bibliography of Alumni authors to which John Pielemeier has recently added an alphabetical listing for easier reference.

#### Getting Involved:

This site is still a work in progress. However, do check the just-posted opportunities for full-time USAID Coaches and Counsellors and periodic short-term work in role-playing as a USAID staff member for U.S. military training sessions.

#### Alumni:

This is the most used resource. Find here the password-protected Directory of Alumni with contact information, which includes those who have requested to be included, and which is accessible only to them. There is a list of 2020 Contributing Members, updated in the middle of each month, where you can check if you contributed this year. In Memoriam is a frequently-visited site to find out which of our Alumni we have recently lost.

### **One recent transition:**

**UAA Bulletin Board.** In exploring the tabs at the top of the home page, you will note the UAA Bulletin Board has replaced the Forum. Click [here](#) and take a look at the UAA "town square" which provides recent information of interest and importance to Alumni. Submit items for posting!

UAA Web Manager Tish Butler and Administrative Assistant Ven Suresh are always interested in suggestions for website improvements. Let them hear from you. Just go to the Contact Us tab and let us know your thoughts.

**[Make Your 2020 UAA Membership Contribution here](#)**

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