



# USAID Alumni Association

## July 2022 Newsletter

### Note from the UAA Board

Members of the Board met with the Deputy Administrator for Management, Paloma Adams-Allen, for our quarterly meeting in June. As we have reported earlier, Paloma remains engaged, knowledgeable and supportive of our joint activities, and sees UAA as a tremendous asset (her words) in USAID operations. We were joined by the acting Counselor and UAA member, Ken Yamashita, and look forward to our next quarterly meeting in September when we expect to meet with the new Counselor, Clint White.

Speaking of the Board, we have three openings on the Board, a few openings on the Executive Committee, and a constant need for mentors for the Mentoring Program. We are a volunteer organization and appreciate any way you can help. If you are interested in joining the Board or know someone who would be a great addition to the Board and the organization, please nominate them (or self-nominate) — see the Notice below for nomination instructions.

Finally, it's summer — we hope you had a great July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend. Stay cool!

### Calendar of Upcoming UAA Events

**Thursday July 14, 2022, 1:30 -3:00 P.M. EDT.** The UAA Development Issues Committee will sponsor a discussion on Zoom of the “impacts on developing countries of **the impending food security crisis** exacerbated by climate change, the war in the Ukraine and supply chain issues.” The discussion will be led by **Mike Michener, Deputy Assistant Administrator of USAID’s Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, Paul Dorosh, Director of the Development, Strategy and Governance Division of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Dina Esposito, Vice President for Technical Leadership of Mercy Corps.** The discussion will be open to all members who have made a 2022 UAA contribution. Please register for the discussion by clicking [here](#). All those registered will receive an email message with instructions on how to participate.

**Sunday, September 11, 2022, 12:00 – 3:00 pm EDT.** The **UAA Summer Picnic** will again be held at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, VA. Look for a special email in August announcing all the details. We hope that you and family members will be able to join us!

**Thursday, October 6, 2022, 11:00 a.m.– Noon.** UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue – **Freedom House President Michael Abramowitz in conversation with the UAA’s Larry Garber.** Freedom House is the oldest American organization devoted to the support and defense of democracy around the world. Support for democracy is in decline around the world – please join us for candid discussion of what the US and other countries can and should do about this. Watch for a detailed message closer to the event.

**Friday, October 28, 2022** is the date for UAA's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** this year. The AGM will be held in-person at the Center for Global Development. Members who prefer to attend virtually, and those who live outside the Washington, DC area will be able to join via Zoom. We have invited Administrator Power to join us again this year, and we are planning on a discussion of USAID's policy on "localization." The AGM will also feature a session on public outreach as well as the presentations of the UAA Alumni of the Year Award and a special Lifetime Achievement Award to someone familiar to almost all UAA members!

## **New! on USAIDAlumni.org**

**In Memoriam:** [Joanne Marie McPherson](#).

### **Articles**

- ["How Americans Think About Trade: Winners, Losers, and the Psychology of Globalization"](#) by Diana C. Mutz (Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania), in *Foreign Affairs*.
- ["Do Americans know who their diplomats are? Or what they do?"](#) by Michael S. Pollard and Charles P. Ries, in *The Hill*.

### **Bulletin Board:**

- [USGLC's President, Liz Schrayar, on the 2022 Global Impact Forum](#).

### **Jobs & Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Roster of Resource Persons to Advise on Localization.
- Mentors for GWU & UDC Students.

## **2022 UAA Awards Program: Deadline July 31!**

Only 26 days remain for submission of nominations of a UAA member, or yourself, for the UAA's 2022 Alumni of the Year awards for International or Domestic Service! **Please send your nominations from now until July 31 electronically** to [awards@usaidalumni.org](mailto:awards@usaidalumni.org). The prestigious awards will be announced at the UAA Annual General Meeting on October 28.

The Alumni of the Year award recognizes and celebrates new paths taken in retirement by UAA members to provide service to their communities and improve the lives of others at home and abroad. There are impressive contributions among the USAID alumni community waiting to be recognized. Don't wait until the last minute to share those stories. All nominees, including the 2022 winner(s), will be profiled in future editions of the UAA newsletter.

For details of the easy award criteria and how to make nominations, please click [here](#).

## **2022 Board Elections**

There are three vacant positions on the UAA Board to be filled by vote of the membership prior to the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October. The Board Nominations Committee is seeking to broaden the selection of candidates to fill these three vacancies by soliciting current members to consider self-nominating. The only firm nominating criterion is that you must be a 2022 contributing member of UAA as of the **July 15** deadline for submission of expression of interest as a candidate for the Board. Candidates can have worked under any USAID hiring authority eligible for membership in UAA. For more details on Board nominations, please see additional information on the UAA website by clicking [here](#).

## **Alumni Profile: Patricia Rader**

Patricia Rader retired in 2018 after nearly 40 years with USAID. She started thinking about international development as an undergraduate and went to Fletcher School at Tufts University, which at the time had a new international development focus. This got her juices flowing and was the important first step in applying herself to a long and rewarding career in international development, starting and ending as a Foreign Service officer with an interim period as a GS employee.



*Patricia (center) with her son Max (left) and friend visits Tanzania Game Park.*

Patricia expressed appreciation to USAID which provided the opportunity for her to work overseas and in Washington in both regional and central bureaus and allowed her to develop interest and expertise in a range of areas. She began as a project design officer in 1980 and her career path led her from project design and evaluation to broader policy formulation and analysis.

While the bulk of Patricia's development experience was in Africa, toward the end of her career she served as Mission Director in both Macedonia and Kosovo. Work in the newly established country of Kosovo was particularly compelling. The country's leadership, including the President and Senior Ministers, were engaged and supportive of USAID's efforts, as the U.S. Government had provided early and consistent support for Kosovo as it became an independent country. Morale in the USAID Mission was high; local staff were well educated and dedicated to strengthening local institutions and building citizens' participation to promote an open, democratic country.



*Patricia (center) and AFR/DP colleagues take a break during USAID conference in Nairobi.*

Liberia was a more familiar development challenge. The United States had long been a close ally to Liberia. This helped to foster unusually close cooperation between Liberians and USAID staff in designing and implementing USAID-funded projects.

During her retirement, Patricia enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Particularly rewarding is the reading and play time with her two young grandsons, Jonathan (1) and Caden (3 ½) who affectionately refers to her as "Gwak Gwak" (his word for Grandmother). Post-Covid, Patricia has been reconnecting with UAA and USAID friends and colleagues. She may be contacted at [praderwork@yahoo.com](mailto:praderwork@yahoo.com).

## UAA Newsletter Schedule

The UAA newsletter will not be published next month, in August. The next

issue will be sent on September 6 after the Labor Day weekend. We hope you enjoy receiving this news of your fellow alumni activities.

## **Make Your 2022 UAA Membership Contribution**

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