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**UC Davis Humphrey Newsletter - Summer 2015**

**From the Directors**

As we look back on the 2014-2015 Fellowship year was rewarding, busy, enjoyable - truly fantastic. We are honored to work with such a distinguished group of Fellows and wish them well as they transition to life after the fellowship. We have enjoyed working with and learning from them, their interests and cultures, and feel that our program, the UC Davis campus, and local community have been enriched by their presence. In addition, as we work with the Fellows, we are reminded of the vast network of people and resources in our area that help make this an exceptional experience for all involved. To those of you who come out in support of the program - from professional mentors, instructors, affiliation hosts, and the alumni network to the host families, language partners, friends and students who helped in so many ways - we owe you a great debt of gratitude. You embody the words spoken by Hubert Humphrey: “The greatest gift of life is friendship, and I have received it.” We so value that friendship and welcome it throughout the Humphrey Network for years to come.
As we look towards the 2015-2016 academic year, we welcome a new member to our team, Dr. Peter Hartsough. Dr. Hartsough was trained as a hydrologist and is very passionate about all things associated with water - both at home in California and globally. He is a member of the research faculty at UC Davis in the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources and has worked in a variety of disciplines in the environmental sciences including surface & groundwater hydrology, climate change, ecohydrology, agroecology, water policy, and adaptation of natural systems in a changing world. Peter has been fortunate to work on a variety of international research and service projects. He loves to expand his cultural knowledge through travel, and his personal and professional journeys have taken him to nearly every continent. Peter is thrilled to be affiliated with Global Affairs, and to step into a leadership role on UC Davis international projects. Peter also has a passion for teaching and data science. He is excited to take on the role of the Director of the Humphrey Fellowship program and to be working with a great team to bring the best experience possible to visiting Fellows in the 2015-2016 cohort.

We also announce that Dr. Karen Beardsley will be away for the next academic year. She writes: "As many of you may have heard, I will be leaving Davis and the Humphrey Fellowship Program while my family and I live in Bhutan for a year. I received a two-semester Fulbright Core Scholarship to develop geographic information system (GIS) curriculum, teach GIS, and train local faculty to teach GIS at the Royal Thimphu College in Bhutan. While I am very excited about this great opportunity, the downside of accepting the Fulbright is that it takes me away from the Humphrey Fellowship Program during the 2015-2016 year. Working since November 2014 with the Humphrey Fellows, our fantastic Humphrey staff (Nikki, Sasha, and Kelsey), and the wonderful leaders of Global Affairs (Adrienne, Jan and Letha) has been a true pleasure and a real honor. Thankfully my family and I will be in Davis before the 2016-2017 Fellows arrive and I will resume as Director of the Humphrey Fellowship Program at that time. In my absence this coming year, the Humphrey Program is very fortunate to have Dr. Peter Hartsough to serve as the Director." We look forward to welcoming Karen back to Davis for 2016-2017.

In collaboration,

Karen Beardsley, Peter Hartsough and Nikki Grey Rutamu

**Highlights from the Year**

The Fellows were constantly busy during this program year. Here are some of the highlight program events and activities that they participated in.
**Humphrey Enhancement Workshops:**
The Enhancement Workshops, organized by the Institute of International Education and various host campuses, provide an opportunity to attend professional site visits, network with senior professionals, increase understanding on a particular topic and develop professional contacts. In March, Arnold Akah of Ghana and Dong Zhao of China attended the Enhancement Workshop on “Leadership and Governance During Times of Crisis” which was held at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Through this workshop, they learned how leaders effectively communicate during times of crisis and had the opportunity to network with leaders and other Humphrey fellows. In April, our Fellows Nivo Ranaivoarivelo from Madagascar, Dong Zhao from China, Alfred Odubasa from South Sudan, and Wanel Jean-Baptiste from went to the 28th Annual Atlanta Enhancement Workshop on “Global Development and Social Justice” sponsored by Emory University. They had the opportunity to hear Rosalyn and Jimmy Carter speak and participate in the Q&A session. Niv asked Mr. Carter what his message would be for all of the Humphrey Fellows, as their program is ending soon, and he said, “Set your goals very high! Be special people! Promote peace and human rights once you are back in your countries. Share good and bad things that you have observed in the USA and do the best you can with courage!”

**Leadership Challenge Workshop:**
As part of the Humphrey Seminar, we hosted an all-day workshop facilitated by Dan Schwab of Dan Schwab Consulting. The goal of this training program was to foster leaders’ skills and confidence through techniques that will simultaneously build more effective institutions that are able to create change in society. The Leadership Challenge is able to suit and adapt to all different cultures and backgrounds because of its fundamental thinking that leadership is the universal language and in integral skill that is needed to see change in our world. The main aspect that the Fellows took away from this workshop is that it was such an empowering experience to gain words to actions they already knew.

**Field trip to California Environmental Protection Agency:**
Field trips are an important part of the UC Davis Humphrey Program. They allow for hands-on experience and exposure to US culture and practices. UC Davis Humphrey Fellows went to
the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) in Sacramento. They went on a tour of the building that included going on top of the roof with a spectacular aerial view of Sacramento! Afterwards, a few of the top members of the Air Resources Board and the State Water Resources Control Board of the CalEPA gave presentations and a discussion followed. It was a great opportunity to exchange ideas and to collaborate with leaders in the industry.

Western Cohort Conference:
This conference was held at Arizona State University and included fellows from UC Davis, Arizona State University and the University of Washington. The topics covered in this conference were how to deal with reverse culture shock, the importance of reliance and other informative tips to prepare the Fellows for their transition back home. This was a great opportunity to network with the Western cohort.

Professional Affiliations

Professional Affiliations are both a highlight and a requirement of the program. The Fellows must complete one six week professional affiliation (PA) with an organization suited to their professional skills and interests. They develop a professional affiliation program plan that outlines their goals and interests and what they would like to get out of their PA and then work with the directors and the identified organizations to arrange the final details. This year, PAs were completed in various fields including departments on campus, non-profit organizations, government offices, agricultural companies and many more.
We are thankful for the support we have received from the PA host organizations, especially from the supervisors. Thank you for all of your time and effort you have put into working with the Fellows to foster their leadership skills and refine and further develop their technical skills.

Farewell to the Class of 2015

As we conclude the 2014-2015 Humphrey Fellowship year, it is hard to say goodbye to the class of 2015. We hosted our graduation celebration in early May with many friends and families. It has been a pleasure getting to know this fascinating and dynamic group.
of leaders who come from 11 different countries including Ghana, Djibouti, D.R. Congo, Haiti, Guinea, Pakistan, Liberia, South Sudan, Papua New Guinea, Madagascar and China. They arrived in August ready to take on the 10-month program consisting of UC Davis and Extension classes, workshops, seminars, conferences, trips/retreats, and professional affiliations. This program strives to enrich professional and technical skills, create linkages with innovative leaders in the industry, foster the exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding and create a lasting partnership with the US and other countries. Good luck and best wishes to all of you in all of your future endeavors. Please stay in touch and keep us updated on what you're doing.

Alumni News

Alumni, we would love to hear from you! Send us your photos and notes from the field. We’d like to assemble a database for contacting one another and would even love to see if/when you visit, connect with one another, etc. Expect to receive some email communications in the new year as well as an increased alumni presence on Facebook!
Alumni News

Diógenes Aires de Melo (2013-14) Brazil: I returned to my job at Urbanization Company of Goiania City (COMURG) and started to get together the first zero waste group in Goiania City and Goias State. In order to start our activities in reduce, reuse, recycle and against waste, we decided to get contact with the Brazil Zero Waste Alliance (BZWA). We were invited to attend Zero Waste Seminar and established a partnership with them, creating a branch of BZWA. I would like to thank all of you from California Against Waste (CAW), CalRecycle, UC Davis Humphrey Program, International Institute of Education (IIE), GAIA, Edgar Associates, California Composting Coalition and others for the support when I was there.

Tika Thapa (2012-13) Nepal: Tika plans to work with disadvantaged farmers in Kanchanpur, Nepal in order to teach them how to better utilize the bagar land along the river for crop production. Additionally, he will help the farmers find a market to sell their produce throughout the community to meet vegetable demand.

Albert Novas Somanje (2009-10) Zambia: Recently received an Master of Science degree in Climate Change and Adaptation from the African Climate & Development Initiative.

Mohammad Khurshid Alam (2008-09) Bangladesh: It is my great pleasure to share with you that I have been awarded “Australian Alumni Excellence Award – 2015 for Innovation and Research” given by Australian High Commission, Dhaka. Every year, this award is given away among the alumni obtained any degree from Australian university and contributes a remarkable role in his/her respective field. Of course, developing the technology for organic crop production as part of my PhD dissertation was considered as one the vital factor to achieve this award.

Tanh Nguyen (2007-08) Vietnam: I am currently working as a postdoc at Idaho State University. The year in UC Davis has helped change my life to become better and better.

Sightings in the Field

Assistant Director Nikki Grey Rutamu visted several countries this past spring where she was able to connect with Humphrey Alumni. Pictured right with Albert Novas Somanje (2009-10) in Lusaka, Zambia.
She also visited Bangladesh and was able to have lunch with Mohammad Khurshid Alam (2008-09) and Farhana Shoan (2005-06) (photo left). Former Vice Provost of Global Affairs, William Lacy and his wife Laura met up with several Tanzanian Humphrey Fellows on a trip to Tanzania in February. There they were able to connect with Severine Assenga (2011-12) pictured below left and Richard Bruno (2012-13) pictured below right.

Have You Checked Out the Alumni Map Yet?
Once again we would like to highlight our interactive alumni map. Just click on the country and scroll to see the names, areas of expertise and the link to the web pages of our diverse Humphrey Alumni. Individual web pages are currently available for Fellows in the program starting in 2009-2010.

Humphrey Alumni: UC Davis Wants to Connect with You!
Our University continues to grow and is always making more connections abroad. Some of you have been able to connect with UC Davis faculty and international programs abroad – we want to help make more of those connections happen. In 2011, the Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA) appointed the first International Alumni Officer for the campus – Ginger Welsh. Ginger’s position is to work with and support UC Davis alumni and the alumni networks outside of the United States. On the CAAA website for International Alumni Programs, you can find a
list of active alumni networks. A few of the networks listed are not as active as they would like, in part because they don't have a leader in the region. If you are from one of those groups or your home country is not listed and you are interested in helping lead the alumni network in your current country of residence, or if you know others who may have an interest, please contact us. The information we are looking for:

- Your current work title & organization
- Field
- City & country where you presently live
- Would you like UC Davis to contact you to take part in events or activities in your area?

Alumni leaders help connect their fellow UC Davis alumni by planning events, serving as a resource to others who might want to learn more about the campus, assisting with an event if a faculty member is traveling to their country and by representing UC Davis around the world. There is no large time commitment required and it could be a great opportunity for continuing friendships and professional growth beyond your fellowship year. If you are interested in being involved, or have additional questions, please contact the Humphrey Program with the information above and we will help connect you.

Many Thanks to Our Supporters!

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Davis and UC Davis community for all of their help and support with the program and for never failing to warmly welcome the Humphrey Fellows into the community year after year. This program is greatly appreciative of the Humphrey Family that has been formed over the years, which includes the host families, the International House-Davis, academic and professional advisors, UC Davis Extension, UC Davis Global Affairs office and many more. We could not have done it without you! Thank you again for a great 2014-15 year! We are looking forward to welcoming the 2015–2016 cohort arriving this August.