



Friends of the International Center,
at UC San Diego

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Happiness

Over lunch, a friend and I talked about the things that make us happy and, of course, family and friends were mentioned; however, being kindred spirits, we noted that we feel happy when we see the best of humanity rise to the surface: the display of compassion for a stranger, the respect offered to someone or to something that is outside one's comfort level, the support given for another in need, or the coming together of people across the multitudes of categorizations that are so often used to divide us.

When unable to acquire Korea's national flower, *mugunghwa* (Rose of Sharon), for our Korean-themed Friends Dinner Social, **Je Yoon Park** offered to organize a group to help me create centerpieces made up of origami *hanbok*—the results not only added to the theme but, more importantly, reflected the coming together across countries in friendship for a united purpose. None of us were origami experts but I don't think our guests could tell!

Following our dinner, I received the following e-mail from visiting scholar **Katrin Sontag** (a German citizen of the world from the Universität Basel): *I just wanted to say thank you very much for the Korean dinner of the Friends of the International Center last Fri-*



Origami folding team

day. It was a great experience for me and I learned a lot, not only about Korea, but also from the different people I got to know. I made new friends, and I also found connections and inspiration for my research topics. You organized it so perfectly and I immediately felt welcome and part of a community! I am here at UCSD

as a visiting scholar for three months only and I think the activities of the Friends of the International Center and these dinners play a crucial role in creating an academic community, international networks and exchange, which is of course an important part of a visiting fellowship and of academic life in general.

Friends activities provide me many opportunities to be happy and I hope that you too are, or, will be a frequent rider on the Friends happiness train.

Happy Spring!

Katya

Katya Newmark, President
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Proposed Slate of Officers

At the Friends February 13, 2018 Board of Directors meeting, Nominating Committee Chair, **Elisabeth Marti**, proposed the following slate of officers for the year 2018-2019. It was unanimously approved, and the following slate will be presented to the membership for a vote at the Friends Annual Membership Dinner on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

Slate of Officers to Be Placed in Nomination for the Year 2018-2019

President:	Katya Newmark
Vice President, Membership	Georgina Sham
Recording Secretary:	Jean Selzer
Treasurer:	Ruth Newmark
Corresponding Secretary:	Renate Schmid-Schoenbein

On February 21, 2018, *Wednesday Morning Coffee* extended into lunch, hosted by **Georgina Sham** and **Lynn Jahn**, and proceeded to a captivating program at which **Tuktuki Bhattacharya** introduced guests to **International Mother Language Day**. Although this celebration was new to many, it is celebrated in over 100 countries and Friends celebrated the day to honor our heritage languages. Tuktuki's presentation was followed by people reading, speaking, or singing something in their native tongue, providing a free English translation. Even the Americans got in the spirit with Georgina singing a Yangzhou folk song, Lynn singing *Sur le pont d'Avignon* (with everyone joining in for *Frère Jacques*), and **Katya Newmark** singing a couple of popular Dutch children's verses. Thanking Tuktuki for bringing International Mother Language Day to Friends' attention, Katya commented: "I feel that everyone thoroughly enjoyed hearing the breadth of languages we represented and the spirit of International Mother Language Day!" —Ed.

Mother Language: Language of Thoughts, Dreams, and Feelings

—by **Tuktuki Bhattacharya**; photos by **Katya Newmark**

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." —Nelson Mandela



Tuktuki Bhattacharya

Languages are the most powerful instrument that strongly link to culture: losing a language means disappearance of a culture's identity and expression. Only a few languages have genuinely been given pride of place in education systems, public domain, and the digital world. It is estimated that many of the 6,000 languages spoken around the world today may

disappear in the next 20 years, a fact that would represent an irreparable loss for humanity.

International Mother Language Day was established by the UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1999 to celebrate languages and promote international understanding through multilingualism and multiculturalism. It is observed worldwide on February 21, in recognition of the Bengali Language Movement in Bangladesh, then part of Pakistan where Urdu was the declared official language. On that day, in 1952, three students from Dhaka University were killed during a demonstration calling for recognition of their mother language, Bengali. These students were honored as "language martyrs."

International Mother Language Day promotes respect for one's language, as well as that of others. It applies to both majority and minority groups. It helps to protect cultural and linguistic diversity, and promotes languages as a means of communication and exchange.

United Nations Secretary-General **Kofi Annan** said in the first International Mother Language Day ceremony: "The lesson of our age is that languages are not mutually exclusive, but that human beings and humanity itself are enriched by communicating in more than one language."

International Mother Language Day events promote the hearing of all voices and display social integrity, cultural awareness, and tolerance. This celebration connects individuals to their culture, and demonstrates that personal identity is valued and encouraged.



Xavier Valls from Catalonia tells a story about St. George in Catalan

April Calendar

April 1: **Easter**

April 3, 10, 17, 24: **Gus' Table, English Conversation**, 10:00-Noon

April 3, 10, 17, 24: **FIC Craft Circle**, 1:00-3:00

April 4, 18: **Family Orientation**, 9:15

April 4, 11, 18, 25: **Wednesday Coffee**, 10:00-Noon

April 4, 11, 18, 25: **Mommy/Daddy & Me**, 1:45-2:45

April 5, 12, 19, 26: **Everyday English**, 10:00-11:30

April 6, 13, 20, 27: **Friday Chat**, 10:00-Noon

April 10: **Friends Board meeting**, 10:00

April 12: **Cooking Class**, 9:00-Noon

April 21: **Friends Dinner Social**, 6:00, Village 15



Faye Girsh and Jim Galvin in conversation



Richard Chim and Fabian Dalbert



Laurent Fattet, Jose Angel Regla Nava, Li-En Hsieh, Ting-Ting Wang, and Seyhan Karakulak

Korean Friends Dinner Social

Our February 24 Korean-themed Friends Dinner Social felt especially timely with so much of the world's focus on the 2018 winter Olympics held in South Korea and the prominence of both South and North Korea in the media.

Our tables were festively decorated with red and blue napkins, as well as red and blue boxes to mimic the *Taeguk*, yin/yang style circle on South Korea's flag, symbolizing balance. The boxes were filled with rice and decorated with origami *hanbok* (traditional clothing for both men and women).

Perhaps because of the blustery cold outside, our guests were even more animated than usual, and the Olympic competitive spirit was evident as many guests raced to complete all the squares on their icebreaker bingo cards. Fortunately, the first two to complete their cards were husband and wife **Peter** and **Linda Levine**. Side note, in Korea, the wife keeps her family name upon marriage while the children take their father's name.

The University's Catering Department provided a lavish meal for

our guests beginning with served pork and vegetable dumplings followed by buffet offerings of: beef and tofu *bulgogi*, *dakgangjeon* (a spicy Korean fried chicken), mung bean noodles with vegetables, green onion pancakes, Korean cucumber salad, and steamed rice. Each table had its own set of *ban-chan* (side dishes) including *kimchi* (fermented cabbage), *sigumchi manul* (seasoned spinach), pickled cucumber, pickled daikon, and *gochujang* (chili paste). Scoops of red bean and green tea ice cream topped with matcha covered Pepero sticks finished the meal. *Ommija* punch (berry & magnolia tea garnished with pears) pre-dinner, and hot citron yuzu tea after-dinner completed the culinary experience.

After hearing a few fun facts about Korea and watching K-pop video snippets, guests were provided an extremely topical presentation on the sobering geopolitical issues facing South and North Korea, with insights offered about U.S. policy in the region, by one of our country's leading experts, Professor **Stephan Haggard**, UC San Diego's



Prof. Stephan Haggard

Director of Korea-Pacific Studies at the School of Global Policy & Strategy.

Expressions of gratitude for this evening continue to be received and we, in turn, are grateful for the acknowledgements such as those expressed by **Fabian Dalbert**, a visiting graduate student from Zürich, Switzerland, who wrote: "Many thanks for the tasty and very interesting Korean dinner organized by you and the Friends of the International Center tonight! I greatly value the discussions with people from all across the world, many different fields, and across all ages that I have had at your events. I met most of the international friends I made here through the FIC. Your organization really makes me feel welcome at UC San Diego and makes it so much easier to connect to the local community and other internationals. Every university should have an organization like yours! Keep up the good work."

Text and photos by Katya Newmark
Friends Dinner Social Chair

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• Make Your Reservations
• Friends Dinner Social: Italia
• Saturday, April 21, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Village 15
• <https://ficItaly2018.eventbrite.com>
• Reservations due by Friday, April 13
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Chris Canole and Katya Newmark with Chris' amazing musical instruments



Andrea Mavros (Alex's fiancée), Alex Kershaw, Ruth Newmark



A gorgeous wildflower specimen



Chris Wills photographs wildflowers



Liz Wills tends to bar details



Joan Adamo, Barbara Fitzsimmons, Georgina Sham

G'Day, Mates!

On February 10, we had a spectacular Aussie evening with music, flowers, wine, and food at our latest Ethnic Dinner! Expertly chaired by **Katya Newmark**, this dinner was a feast for the eyes, mind, and taste buds.

Katya found a fascinating UCSD alum (class of 1969) to start off the evening's entertainment. **Christopher Canole** is a writer, photographer, yoga teacher, Dude Vader impersonator, and didgeridoo performer. Not only does he play these Aboriginal instruments, he makes them (with the help of termites that hollow out the eucalyptus trees from which the instruments are made).

He was followed by **Alexander Kershaw**, a Friends scholarship recipient and Ph.D. candidate in the UCSD Visual Arts Department (see pp.10-11), who showed some of his video filmed in Alice Springs. As usual, **Ruth Newmark** manages to find scholarship recipients who can charm us.

The evening's program concluded with photos of spring wildflowers taken by my husband, **Christopher Wills**, Professor of Biological Sciences Emeritus. On a previous trip to Oz, when we went to swim with the whale sharks, we learned about the 20,000 endemic wildflowers in Western Australia and decided that we would come back to see them. For years Chris kept watch-

ing the precipitation totals and we finally went to see the wildflowers after the second wettest winter in the recorded history of Western Australia.

A travel agent could not have planned the trip for us, because we needed to go to where there had been wildfires the year before. Driving 3,000 miles in 3 weeks, we were able to track down the burnt-out areas with lots of wild orchids and other endemics. Once we found the spider orchids, Chris got down on his knees to photograph the tiny crabs INSIDE the tiny orchids. Picture if you will an orchid about the diameter of a dime with a translucent crab inside it and you will know how Chris spent much of the trip!

After seeing Chris' pix, people clamored to buy the floral arrangements done by **Candace Kohl**, our resident florist. The bouquets were comprised of Australian flowers and greenery, many from Candace's own garden. The sales made a nice supplement to our scholarship fund!

Georgina Sham was the mastermind of the seating arrangements. She ensured that a good time was had by all. **Joan Adamo** and **Barbara Fitzsimmons** handled the check-in smoothly. **Alma** and **Bill Coles** provided photos from their annual trips to Australia. **Gail Fliesbach** put together an attractive dinner program.

Elisabeth Marti was able to secure travel posters of Australia to use as decorations; these were supplemented by native paintings from **Candace Kohl's** vast collection of art garnered on her many travels, and iconic kangaroos and koalas painted by **Danya Costello**. Although Danya was not able to join us for the festivities, she also made Aussie decorations to add to the floral arrangements. To round out the Newmark/Costello contribution to the evening's production, **Matthew Costello** climbed a ladder to install the window decorations, a feat that presents a scary challenge in the vertiginous Great Hall. **Justin Costello** helped with the delivery of the wine.

Kudos to the **UCSD Catering Team** for a delicious and elegant meal. As the former head of the catering team for these Ethnic Dinners for 25 years, I can fully appreciate their efforts. We feasted on a multi-course meal that included such highlights as Dog's Eye Ground Beef & Ale Pie, Pan-Seared Halibut with Macadamia Pesto and Herb-Panko-Crusted Baby Lamb with Mint Sauce, and a lovely Pavlova with Passion Fruit Curd, Berries, Kiwi, and Cream.

A big thank-you to **Lou Adamo** and **Katya** for taking photos to document the evening's events.



Aussie meat pies are ready to be served

UCSD Student Affairs must be thanked for making it possible for Friends to continue our fund-raising efforts. With their and others' help, we are well on our way to raise another \$100,000+ for international scholarships this year.

In addition to the Ethnic Dinner Team, **thanks go to all of you who came and supported the Friends Scholarship Fund—you make it all possible!**

Liz Fong Wills
Ethnic Dinner Chair



Vic and Mary Dhooge



*In a long, thoughtful note of thanks to Team Australia, accompanied, by a special photo for each member of the team, and written late at night, immediately following the event, **Katya Newmark** wrote some singular words addressed to the Ethnic Dinner Chair that are worth repeating here:*

“Thank you **Liz** and **Chris** for your willingness to entertain my request to look at some of your ‘older’ photos for topics of interest to our guests that you have not previously shared. I am so grateful to you for your promotional efforts including *Newsletter* articles pre- and post event, for the many personal guest appeals, for Liz’s shopping skills (Liz, let’s hope that there will be another future great deal such as you found for the wine), and for your loyal and steadfast involvement with the Ethnic Dinner program. As always, Chris’ photos of flowers and stories captivated and wowed our guests—I always love hearing the remarks afterwards by new groupies.”

Here follow some apt comments from others:

“What an impeccably beautiful and delicious occasion in every way. Thank you.”—**Nancy & Bill Homeyer**

“**Ken** and I had a great time at UCSD on Saturday. The entertainment was fun, and it was great meeting new people. Another very well planned fundraiser!—**Danièle Rodé**

“Gosh, Katya. We all thank you for the fantastic production of this Ethnic Dinner. The food was truly great; the decorations, the flower centerpieces, and the entertainment with the didgeridoo and talks about Australia were fantastic. Yes, a truly spectacular evening.”—**Georgina Sham**

“We really enjoyed everything. Dinner was delicious. My favorite was the ground beef pie, the fish, and the sauces.”—**Jean Selzer**

“Last night’s Australia event was a great success! Fine food—the meat pies were a hit. The Pavlova was wonderful. ... Thank you for orchestrating such an outstanding overview of Australian cuisine, culture, and nature! **Asoka** and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening.—**Janine Mendis**

“It was nice to meet all our international friends at the Australian dinner. The food was super delicious, and the talks were really interesting. I literally enjoyed each single minute from the beginning to the end.”—**Hannes Pessentheiner** from Austria

“It was a wonderful evening!”—**Gail Fliesbach**

“Thank you so much for your kind words of praise for the catering team and for sharing the photos. I’m so happy you were pleased and the guests enjoyed the meal.”—**Joyce Almond**, UC San Diego Catering





February 8, 2018 cooking class with Chefs Bert Shedd and Vaughn Vargus in the 64^o demonstration kitchen

Culinary Experiences

Hello Friends,

I want to convey to our Friends what a wonderful experience we at **Housing • Dining • Hospitality** (HDH) have been having with the evolving culinary program we have built together. When we first discussed the desire and genuine need for the Friends of the International Center to continue with a cooking outlet that has been a longtime tradition here at UCSD, we were pleased at the opportunity to help and support the group.

Although we were limited with our resources in the form of a full-blown kitchen compared to what Friends had for the previous years, we knew we could develop a program to please. Of course, we could not have moved forward without the trust and support of Friends President, **Katya Newmark**. We were determined.

Program outlines were discussed with the guidance of **Russ King**, HDH's Associate Director/Strategic Initiatives; menu and instruction ideas were shared; a schedule of events was calendared; and the plans were set. The first demo event—on Thursday, November 10, 2016—was a go.

We were excited to see the group (and still are, always). We did not really know what to expect and I'm sure the first participants were feeling the same. The guest group arrived, introductions were made, and the Friends of the International Center cooking series was on its way!

We were so eager to get the demos going and this series actually has helped us, through our own enthusiasm and word-of-mouth success, to attract other campus groups from HDH IT, Campus IT, the Theatre administration, Res Life, and various other campus organizations. We are busy now with consistent demos and team building, literally on a weekly basis. I feel we have the support of our "Friends" and extend my thanks to you for helping us grow and develop.

The demonstration station at 64^o was built to create an opportunity to share what we do within UCSD's culinary operations and to introduce our team of skilled chefs to our core guests. I could not be more proud of what we do and of our staff of skilled professionals. I



Under the supervision of Chef Vargus, Alice Blake-Stalker puts finishing touches on some Spanish tapas, Jan. 18, 2018



Carl Caldejon

am especially proud of **Carl Caldejon** and Chef **Bert Shedd** for their commitment to the Demo Station.

With sincere regards,
Vaughn L. Vargus,
CEC®, CCA®

Sr. Executive Chef,
Dining, Markets, and
Culinary Services



Meet Eileen Tozer

Hi Friends,

I am excited about becoming a part of the Friends of the International Center as a volunteer and would like to introduce myself to this community.

I am a native Californian spending my childhood near Monterey in northern California. It was a beautiful place to grow up, but I think from an early age I was aware of the larger world beyond my hometown and country. This is likely due to the fact that my mother is French (growing up in Paris) and she had a different perspective than the typical American mother. As well, I have fond memories of when my father, in his role as a professor, would invite his international students each year to our house for a dinner, introducing me to people from places like Turkey, Ethiopia, and Japan.

Those influences, together with our yearly trips to the national parks of the U.S., likely contributed to two of my passions in life, world travel and nature.

I came to San Diego for graduate school and instantly fell in love with the place. In fact, I knew immediately after my school interview that this is where I wanted to be—no agonizing over which school to go to! I got my Ph.D. at UCSD in Biomedical Sciences, studying the role of LDL and cholesterol in the progression of heart disease.

Speaking of falling in love, I met my future husband in the graduate program at UCSD and married shortly after finishing my Ph.D. Subsequently, I did a post-doctoral fellowship at The Scripps Research Institute and then took a job at a small start-up biotechnology company called Diversa Corporation, changing my research focus. This company was

extracting microbial DNA from some of the most unique environments on earth. The goal was to find proteins that had properties (evolved through surviving such difficult conditions as hydrothermal deep sea vents or hot springs) that would be useful in an array of industries ranging from chemical manufacturing to animal feed to novel pharmaceuticals.

While a great experience, after 10 years at this company, my husband and I decided we wanted to see more of the world and we both quit our jobs

As mentioned earlier, I have a passion for travel that was cemented when I traveled through Europe for 3.5 months after college—an experience that changed my life. Now with my husband, our first trip after quitting our jobs was driving to Alaska in our 4x4 van converted into a mini-RV. We lived in our van for 3 months while we experienced the wild, beautiful, vast landscapes of Alaska. And then for something completely different, we packed foldable bikes into our suitcases and headed off to explore Southeast Asia, Palau, and Borneo. Experiencing these cultures and environments that were so different than our own (and yet so similar in important ways) was an unforgettable experience.

After we returned, I got a job at a biotechnology company where I worked on developing a next-generation sequencing instrument that would be capable of sequencing the human genome for \$1,000, making sequencing everyone's genome routine and thereby revolutionizing the practice of medicine. However, the draw of travel and exploring this world eventually became too great and I quit my job again after 5 years. This brings me



J.R. Tozer and Eileen in Madagascar

to how I found the Friends of the International Center.

When **Cindy Tozer** (my mother-in-law) first told me about the Friday Chat group, I thought it was something right up my alley, but it wasn't until I quit my job that I realized I could also participate. I have now been attending Chat for several months and find it a rewarding experience, filled with lots of laughter as we get to know interesting, accomplished people from all over the world.

As I have learned more about the Friends organization, I can see what a great service it provides to international scholars and their spouses. I'm excited about becoming more involved and have volunteered to help with the Family Orientation. My first time for giving the newcomer's presentation will be in early March, and I'm looking forward to both helping these internationals adjust to life in the U.S., as well as getting to know them and learning about life in their country.

February
Friends Volunteer
Hours
990 = 5.62 FTEs

Hearts & Scholars Dinner

Undergraduate Scholarships: Unlocking the promise of possibility

—by *Ruth Newmark*

Chancellor **Pradeep Khosla's** invitation to the Hearts & Scholars Dinner, traditionally held around Valentine's Day, read this year: "Please join us for an evening of celebration as we honor fellow scholarship benefactors and our impressive and deserving students."

Our organization was officially represented by President **Katya Newmark** and by me, as Friends Scholarship Committee Chair. We had a chance to meet a number of our study-abroad scholarship recipients; in my case, I spoke to bioengineering student **Winnie Shi** (who went to Japan), to **Sophia Osborn** (recipient of the 2016 *Paul Yunouye Scholarship*), and—because they were seated at our table—more intimately to **Ashley Sheng** and **Robert Walter**, both of whom had studied abroad on a Global Seminar program, in Japan and Australia respectively. The event has grown so large (I believe there were about 400 guests) that it was held this year in the ballroom of the Hilton hotel on Torrey Pines Road, and I may

well have missed other Friends of the International Center scholarship recipients. Katya tells that she had a conversation with **Joeey Uy**, who used his Friends scholarship to study in Korea, and is contemplating another study abroad.

Naturally the focus of the evening was on the need for and importance of scholarships. UC President and Chancellor Emeritus **Robert Dynes** spoke eloquently about the significance of his own scholarship as a young university student in Canada. He reminded the audience that in the 1960s, much like today, people thought that the world was falling apart: France had exploded an atomic bomb; there was a war in Vietnam. But the world did not fall apart, because there were people who had faith in the young generation, just as people do today.

When I sent Ashley Sheng the above picture and thanked her for being such a delightful dinner companion, she wrote back:

"It was an absolute pleasure



Ruth Newmark, Robert Walter, Ashley Sheng, Katya Newmark,

to dine with you and Katya. I will never forget such a special evening, or how you have touched my life. The work you do for students with the International Center is truly remarkable; I can only try to express my gratitude for the experiences I've had during my study abroad."

The Friends Scholarship Committee will meet in late March and in April to make awards valued well over \$100,000, much as it did last year.

Please mark the evening of Tuesday, May 22, for our Annual Membership Dinner with its Scholarship Awards Ceremony



Donations

It is encouraging that donations of all sorts keep coming our way.

Resale Shop Coordinator, **Marion Spors**, reports that the Shop has been receiving a multitude of items to sell. Keep checking out the ever-changing display of merchandise and take a moment to chat with our

volunteers, many of them internationals, some American students, but let's not forget such longtime volunteers as **Georgia Crowne**, **Fran Doolittle**, **Louise Keeling**, **Cynthia Lael**, and **Renate Schmid-Schoenbein**. A big thank-you to all the Resale Shop volunteers!

We are grateful to **Susan Galluccio**, a good friend of **Katya Newmark**, for making a non-restricted donation, and to Katya's father-in-law, **Joseph Costello**, who made a scholarship donation, as did loyal supporters of Friends programs: Anthropology Professor Emeritus **David Jordan** and **Judith & Victor Vacquier**. Unable to attend the Korean Friends Dinner Social, **Christina Barton** made a contribution instead.

The Australian Dinner proved to be a successful fundraiser with 120 guests attending; moreover, the offer to let guests take home the flower bouquets that decorated the Great Hall reaped a further nice addition to the Friends Scholarship Fund.

Thank you all!

SCHOLARSHIP LETTERS

In this, and the next two months' issues of the Friends Newsletter, I would like to share more student letters than usual, simply because I have so many that convey their gratitude for the financial (and other) support provided by the Friends of the International Center, and because they describe the very different studies these scholarship recipients are engaged in. Alas, space is limited and so in most cases you only will find highlights from a great variety of reports. — Scholarship Committee Chair

Dear Friends of the International Center,

Studying abroad in the United Kingdom has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Without your assistance, I would have never been able to explore the world and learn in an institution like the London School of Economics (LSE). For that, I thank you very much.

Having never traveled to Europe before, I was both nervous and excited. Coming from a low-income family, I never would have imagined going to a city like London. I daydreamed during most of the airplane ride, wondering how I was going to fit in.

I quickly noticed how different everything looked. The signs, advertisements, and even the airport had very distinct features.

My first class was about the European Union and, as expected, there were several students from other European countries in the class. I learned a lot from them and valued their ideas. I became well informed on the EU's economic system, its international negotiations, and its political actors. My second class about International Migration



was also very relevant. I discovered a lot more about the Refugee Crisis and the potential solutions people have come up with.

I was very fortunate to be at LSE. Overall, my time in London was a life-changing experience. I will have many stories to tell to my friends and family throughout my whole life thanks to the Friends of the International Center.

Michelle Camacho

Muir College

International Studies: Economics

Guatemalan Health Issues

I would like to thank the Friends of the International Center for their generous support last year. I was the recipient of a 2017 fellowship, which allowed me to begin my dissertation research as an un-funded, independent Ph.D. student. Because of the support of the Friends, I was able to design and obtain approval for my dissertation research project, in addition to traveling to Guatemala for the month of September 2017 to perform data collection.

I am investigating the role of migration into the United States on the health outcomes, including mental health and substance use, of indigenous Mayan Guatemalans. I have worked in these rural communities for fourteen years, and have a deep connection and care for the people that live there. Cultural shift and migration in the past decade have had profound impacts on the health and wellbeing of these populations.

I will be returning to Guatemala to complete more of my dissertation research in the month of March, and again for a month each, twice over the summer of 2018. I hope to complete my research and graduate with a Ph.D. in Global Public Health by the spring of 2019. This progress toward my degree, and toward finding solutions to urgent health needs of these vulnerable populations would not have been possible without the support of the Friends of the International Center.

Haley Ciborowski

Department of Family Medicine
and Public Health

Division of Global Health

Dear Friends of the International Center,

With the grant I have received last year, I conducted research on how a certain ethnic literature is translated and circulated in the larger Anglophone literary scene. In particular, I looked at **Han Kang's** "The Vegetarian" and the impact of its winning of the Man Booker International Prize. In the larger scope of my research, this particular case study contributed to my reading of the cultural production of the American Empire in the shadows of other empires, such as the British Empire and the Japanese Empire.

Eunice Lee, Korean Ph.D. candidate, Department of Literature

Hello,

My name is **Lindsey Depledge** and I am a Friends Scholarship recipient for Fall 2017. Overall, my OAP experience abroad was incredible. It was great to get hands-on experience researching in the public health field.

Most memorably, though, were my host families. They were so welcoming and hospitable. In both Switzerland and Morocco, I communicated with my host families in French—a language that I was just beginning to learn. However, I learned that smiling and body language is the best language of all!

I am now taking French at UCSD to continue my language education, as I hope to go back and visit my host families and communicate with them in their native language.

Lindsey

Sixth College

Public Health major, Global Health and Development Policy



Political Party Loyalty

In the summer of 2017, I traveled to Tokyo, Japan to study the implications of party switching on voters, thanks to the Friends of the International Center Fellowship. These funds were used in part to sustain living expenditures, cover travel costs, and develop a survey experiment. During this period, I interviewed Japanese political scientists, politicians, and non-academic experts to learn how and why politicians switch political party affiliations, and how these switches are perceived by the Japanese electorate.

This field research has been an invaluable experience, providing important qualitative context for my research and opportunities to network with international scholars based in Japan.

I extend my sincerest thanks and gratitude to the Friends of the International Center for their assistance and generosity.

Garrett Bredell

Ph.D. Candidate

Department of Political Science

Press Freedom and Media Power

In the summer of 2017, I did fieldwork in Quito and Guayaquil (Ecuador) to collect information and to make meaningful contacts to develop a study about Ecuadorian media system's transformation during the last 10 years. The PI of the project (**Dan Hallin**, professor in the Department of Communication) chose Ecuador as a meaningful case of what some media pundits have called the "pink tide" in Latin America, to test how structural political changes (like Correa's takeover of Ecuador's government and the further constitutional transformation of the country) impacted the way media and politics are intertwined.

Rafael Correa's administration (2007-2017) has transformed media's constitutional and legal frame and we can see clear effects of that in laws, values and professional norms. As a matter of fact, Ecuador 2008's Constitution is one of the longest in the world with 444 articles and it distinguishes five principal powers: legislative, executive, judicial, electoral, and transparency and social control. This last power is very important to our purposes, because it is from this 'power function' (sic) that the *Ley Orgánica de Comunicación* was enacted in 2013. Very criticized since its publication, this legislation tries to regulate ownership concentration, change the professional behavior of journalists, and push the "democratization" (sic) of media with the aim of representing the social plurality of the country.

In brief, the global goal of the fieldwork was to really know the country (the political system and culture, key actors, and media environment) to develop upcoming qualitative analysis and content analysis.

Best regards and thank you so much for your help! I really appreciate your support to the international scholars.

Manel Palos Pons, Spain

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Communication

Art Practice

In the eight months that has passed since receiving my fellowship from the Friends of the International Center, I have used these generous funds to contribute to the costs associated with fieldwork for my Ph.D. dissertation. As outlined in my proposal, this includes two projects: a written project on photographic practices at three sites in California, and a feature length documentary film on animal hunting in the northeastern U.S. Specifically, I used the funds as a contribution to travel, living, and accommodation costs associated with several trips to Yosemite, as well as multiple trips I made across the other side of the USA.

For the written project, these funds helped me to conduct fieldwork during the "moonbow" phenomena (where a rainbow appears at night at the base of Yosemite falls), as well as shadowing a weeklong photo tour of the park called "Capturing the Autumn Light,"

organized by the Yosemite Conservancy.

Furthermore, since last May I have made four separate trips across the U.S. to conduct filming for my project on animal hunting. This has taken me to Maryland, New York, Vermont, and North Carolina.

Overall my research is progressing well. I have now finished filming for the hunting project and I'm in the process of cutting a trailer as a means of generating more interest in the project from venues that could potentially exhibit/show the work. I am still undertaking fieldwork, though it is now focused on trying to complete work with the Los Angeles Police Department.

Oh... and in non-research related matters, I got engaged the other week!

Alex Kershaw, Australia
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of
Visual Arts



Alex Kershaw at Friends
Australian Dinner (see p. 4)

In a later note, Alex wrote: "Thank you so very much for having Andrea and me along for the most fabulous night that was the Aussie dinner... truly it made me homesick in the best possible way. I am honored that you asked me to speak."

Dear Friends,

I was unable to perform the project I applied for in Uganda during the summer; instead I did unrelated research at UC San Francisco this summer.

I am planning on going to Uganda in December 2018 to perform an Ultrasound Training Project. I can send you a report with photos and outcomes once the project is complete. Alternatively, I could send you information on the current need and proposal we've completed, but I think it would be a little dry and mostly statistics.

Bannet N. Muhozi
M.D. Candidate, Class of 2020

Uganda-born **Bannet Muhozi** spoke to us at the Friends Pan Africa scholarship fundraising dinner in November 2017.



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