

Dear Incoming East-West Center Fellows:

There are a number of occasions when it is helpful to have a short biographical sketch available of the student fellows at the East-West Center.

Please draft and send a short biographical sketch (maximum 150 words) at your earliest convenience. Several samples are provided below as illustrations of biographical sketches of current/former fellows.

I look forward to meeting you soon, and to receiving your biographical sketch.

Warmly,

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Wilmar Salim (Indonesia) is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and an East-West Center Degree Fellow since 2003. He earned a Bachelor's degree in regional and city planning from Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia and a Master's degree in regional development from University of Queensland, Australia. His research focuses on the area of local district planning, decentralization, and participatory approach. He is currently working on a dissertation research on the implementation of the decentralization policy by local governments in Indonesia. In 2005 and 2006, Wilmar served as co-chair, then chair of the East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference.

Neha Chaturvedi (India) is a M.A. student in the Department of Public Administration, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, an East-West Center Degree Fellow since 2006, and recipient of the Toufiq and Ulrike Siddiqi Degree Scholars Award. This is her second Master's program; her first MA is in Psychology from Aligarh Muslim University, India. Neha is from Lucknow city (650 kilometers from Delhi), and before coming to the East-West Center, Neha had not traveled outside of India. From 2002 until this past fall, Neha has worked with the non-profit sector, serving in different capacities with state and national level organizations, and was primarily associated with research projects and implementation of programs at the community level. Two examples of her research include: assessment of the status of basic amenities provided to communities, and a research study on land rights of marginalized peoples in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh.

Eugenio ("Jawee") Riggs Perla (USA) began his involvement at the East-West Center in 2005 as a Student Affiliate pursuing his MA in Linguistics, and later received an EWCA Alumni Scholar Award. The son of Foreign Service workers, Jawee spent his childhood in a number of different countries, including Swaziland, the Philippines, Indonesia and Egypt. He came to the U.S. for the first time to attend the University of Redlands in California, where he earned his BA in Philosophy with a focus on the philosophy of mind and language. After college, Jawee spent two years in Sāmoa as a

Peace Corps volunteer, and another two years in Japan teaching English with the JET program. Even when new to the East-West Center, Jawee became quite involved. He volunteered at the Culture Dinner and as a driver for the Chinatown/Safeway shopping shuttle. Last year, Jawee served as the EWC Participants' Association, Hale Manoa Representative.