



ALUMNI E-NEWS - APRIL 2015
Strengthening the EWC Community

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SAVE THE DATE! 2016 ALUMNI CONFERENCE IN MANILA, JAN. 15-17



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The next EWC/EWCA international alumni conference has just been announced for January 15-17, 2016 in Manila, Philippines – less than a year away! Mark your calendars to join international colleagues, make new professional contacts, renew acquaintances, update your knowledge of the region and discover the Philippines.

The conference theme is “Bridging Diverse Cultures towards an Inclusive Asia Pacific Community.” The conference venue, call for papers, post-conference optional tours and recommended hotels will be posted on the conference [website](#) as information becomes available. Questions? Email: manila2016@eastwestcenter.org; Phone: +1 (808) 944-7506.

Organized by the East-West Center, East-West Center Association and EWC Alumni Association Philippines.

NOMINATIONS FOR EWC/EWCA ALUMNI AWARDS

The EWC/EWCA will be presenting several awards at the January 2016 Conference in Manila.

Distiniguished Alumni Award - honors former East-West Center participants for exceptional accomplishments in their professions and contributions to East-West relations and understanding.

Outstanding Volunteer Award - recognizes outstanding alumni volunteers who have provided significant contributions to the programs and activities of the East-West Center Association.

Outstanding Chapter Award - recognizes outstanding EWCA Chapters who have provided significant contributions to the goals and programs of East-West Center Association.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is **September 30, 2015**. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, be sure to submit the necessary documentation to alumni@eastwestcenter.org prior to the deadline.

KEEPING UP WITH EWC VIA EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA



Latest News

Top Hong Kong Representative Speaks at East-West Center



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Upcoming Events & Programs

March 17
Interdisciplinary Practices in Climate Research
Matthew Stiller-Reeve
East-West Center - Burns Hall

March 18
Update China: A Foreign Policy Focus
Stapleton Roy, David Lampton & Benhay Fleish

Did you know that in addition to this Alumni e-News, the Center produces a variety of other email newsletters, including a monthly EWC Update on recent activities and upcoming programs, publication announcements, daily Pacific Island Report news briefs, East-West Center in Washington programs and much more. Visit our [Email Updates](#) web page to sign up for the e-news that most interests you.

If you're on social media, you can find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Flickr](#), and you can also watch hundreds of [online videos](#) of EWC presentations and discussion panels. If you have your own news you'd like to share with the EWC community, you can post it directly to the [EWC Alumni & Community Facebook](#) page or [LinkedIn alumni group](#). For guidelines on establishing a social media presence for individual EWCA chapters, please review this [document](#).

Come join us – we're looking forward to connecting with you!

GRAD STUDENTS FROM 24 NATIONS GATHER FOR EWC STUDENT-RUN CONFERENCE



More than 116 graduate students gathered at EWC Feb. 12-14 to present their research at the Center's 14th annual [International Graduate Student Conference](#). The interdisciplinary gathering, planned and organized by EWC students, is the largest of its kind worldwide. Cybersecurity expert Dr. Motohiro Tsuchiya delivered the conference's [keynote address](#).

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

A U.S. embassy social media post about recent U.S.-Timor-Leste Scholarship graduate **Angelo Alcino Menezes Guterres Aparicio** (EP 2011-'14), has gone viral on Facebook, garnering thousands of "likes." The post shows Angelo standing with his parents outside of his home in rural Dili in his cap and gown following his graduation with honors from UH in December.



Three EWC alumni, **Arsenio Baisacan** (RSI 1982-'86), **Ujjayant Chakravorty** (EAPI 1985-'89) and **Majah-Leah Ravago** (EP 2006-'11) have jointly co-edited a new textbook on Sustainable Economic Development. The volume introduces the principles and practices of sustainable development by linking the economics of resources and environments with institutions, governance and political economy.

President Obama has nominated former EWCA Executive Board member **Patricia Loui** (Comm 1973-'74) to serve a second term on the board of directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.



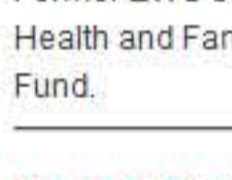
Alfred Friendly Press Partners has awarded Myanmar journalist **Saw Yan Naing** (Jefferson Fellowships 2014) with a U.S. fellowship that will allow him to study at the Missouri School of Journalism and gain work experience at Los Angeles-based Tribe Media's *Jewish Journal*.

Senior Journalist Seminar alumnus **Zahir Sherazi Shah** (EW/Sem 2011, 2014) was recently named Executive Vice President and Peshawar Bureau Chief for Pakistan's BOL Media Group. He has worked with several top international media organizations, including the BBC, Al-Jazeera, CNN and others.

Alumnus and former EWC Board of Governors member **Gene Ward** (TDI 1968-'74) was re-elected to his 9th term in the Hawai'i House of Representatives.



2013 New Generation Seminar alum **Ruwan Wijewardene** has been appointed Sri Lanka's new State Minister of Defense. He has been a Member of Parliament since 2010.



Former EWC student affiliate **Jin Zhongxia** (EP 1993-'94) has been named deputy head of the National Health and Family Planning Commission and Executive Director for China at the International Monetary Fund.

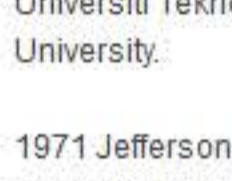
IN MEMORIAM

Accomplished former U.S. military and foreign service official **Roger Ernst** (IEDP 1989-'92, RSI fellowships 1985-'87), passed away in November in Tampa, Florida at the age of 90. He served in the US Army in Berlin and was Officer in Charge of the Marshall Plan for Austria, and later an Assistant Director for NATO and planning in the Office of Secretary of Defense. He started the Peace Corps in India, served as Deputy Director of the U.S. Economic Assistance Mission in Taiwan and Korea, and was Director of USAID in Ethiopia and Thailand. Later, he taught international relations at the University of South Florida.



Film director **Kalai Woody Strode** (OG 1969-'72) passed away in November after a struggle with cancer. The son of famed football player Woody Strode and Hawaiian entertainer Luana Kalaeloa, he served as assistant director on more than 40 music videos, feature films and TV series. A lifelong writer and scholar with a masters in Asian studies, he studied in Japan for a period and later taught at the University of North Dakota.

Malaysian alumna **Dr. Norfadzillah Hitam** (IEP 1988-'94), who was Vice President of Corporate Affairs at UNIVERSITI College Sedaya International in Kuala Lumpur, passed away after suffering a stroke on New Year's Day. She was formerly an associate professor at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and held degrees from the University of Hawai'i and Ohio University.



1971 Jefferson Fellowships alum **Hisashi Ujii**, a former economic reporter for Japan's *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper, passed away peacefully in September at the age of 76. His wife Keiko writes that he always remembered his time at the East-West Center fondly.

Two history professors at Sam Houston State University in Texas who were associated with EWC's Asian Studies Development Program have passed away over the past several months: professors **Terry Bilhartz** (ASDP 1994-'98) and **Tracy Lee Steele** (ASDP 2000-'05).

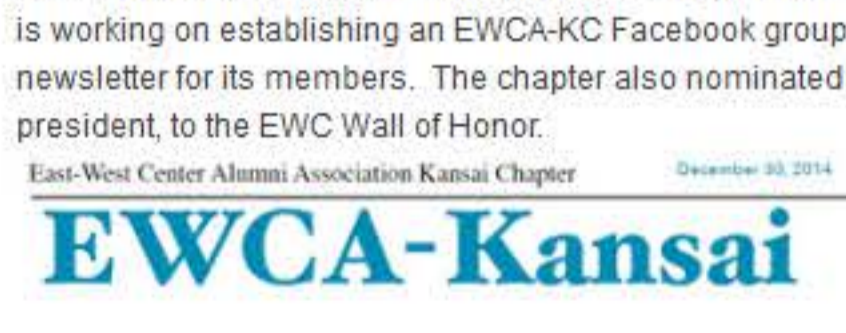
EWCA CHAPTER NEWS

Brisbane Chapter – Chapter Leader **Iraphne Childs** reports that members have sent \$2,500 to the Nepal-Australia Friendship Association for continued support of two Nepalese students who have begun their higher studies. Also, two members attended speeches by President Obama and the Indonesian prime minister.

Hawai'i Chapter – The chapter will be holding its annual fundraising dinner on April 19 at the Pacific Club in Honolulu. The event, which helps support student summer travel awards, will honor the late EWC education director and committed community supporter Larry Smith. For more information call +1 (808) 944-7506 or email alumni@eastwestcenter.org.

Kansai Chapter – In order to change their communication with members to IT supported ones, the chapter is working on establishing an EWCA-KC Facebook group and has put together an English language newsletter for its members. The chapter also nominated the late Dr. Kiyoshi Hamano, former chapter vice president, to the EWC Wall of Honor.

East-West Center Alumni Association Kansai Chapter December 30, 2014



Activities in 2014

Naha, Okinawa

Sept. 27, 2014. During a lunch meeting held during the EWCA-Kansai conference, board members nominated former vice president, the late Dr. Kiyoshi Hamano, to the EWC Wall of Honor under the name of the Kansai.



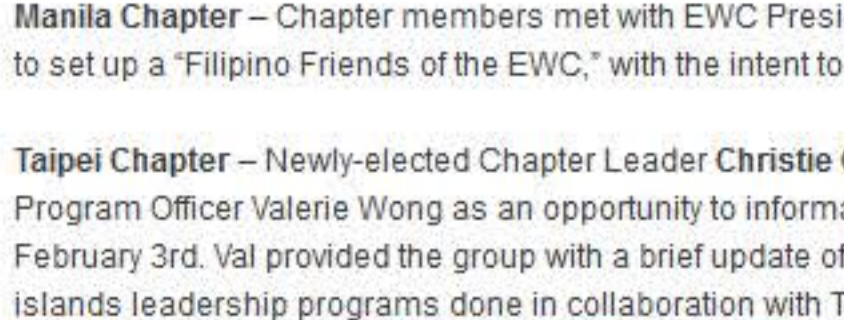
Karachi Chapter – Led by prominent journalist **Kamal Siddiqi**, the chapter has started its own Twitter account. Check them out at [@EwcaKHiChapter](#).



Lahore Chapter – The chapter continues its support of school children in marginalized segments of the country, and 3,500 students attended a three-day literary festival where longtime chapter leader **Arfa Zehra** was an ambassador. Arfa has since submitted her resignation as chapter leader, and hopes that younger leadership will continue the chapter's tradition of public service.

Manila Chapter – Chapter members met with EWC President Morrison on Dec. 10 and came up with a plan to set up a "Filipino Friends of the EWC," with the intent to promote and support Filipino EWC scholarships.

Taipei Chapter – Newly-elected Chapter Leader **Christie Chang** took a visit by EWC Visa and Senior Program Officer Valerie Wong as an opportunity to informally gather chapter members for a lunch on February 3rd. Val provided the group with a brief update of programs at the EWC, including recent Pacific islands leadership programs done in collaboration with Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



EWC AND EWCA ONLINE NETWORKS

The East-West Center and the EWCA maintain four main online networks to keep Alumni, Associates and Friends of the East-West Center communicating with each other. Join our Online Networks at:

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[EWCA Alumni and Community LinkedIn Group](#)

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