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## LETTER FROM EWCA PRESIDENT AMANDA ELLIS



Aloha Fellow Alumni,

The [EWC Board of Governors](#) welcomed a new chair in September, Dr. James Scott. Jim recently retired after 25 years of impactful service as the first native Hawaiian president of Punahou School (where my son is currently a student), famous for not only being the largest independent school in the United States, but also for alumni Presidents of both the U.S. (Barack Obama) and the Republic of China (Sun Yat Sen). Special thanks to outgoing chair Richard Turbin for his dedicated service to the Center.

What an inspiration to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the [Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative \(YSEALI\) program!](#) And a huge Mahalo to the Professional Development Program (PDP) for their creative approach to encouraging our new EWC leaders to engage collaboratively with our Alumni chapters and share knowledge across generations through the [EWC Innovation Laboratories](#) funded and staffed by PDP.



## October 2019

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Delighted to welcome the new Pan-Pacific Chapter (and thank you Gen 13 APLP alumna and chapter leader **Ofeina Manuel-Barbarich**—for already engaging as a mentor on the Kosrae initiative!),

Thanks again to the [Chennai Chapter](#) for generous hosting of the [Asia Pacific Leadership Program 2019 launch](#) and organizing the EWC Chennai Leadership Symposium for Alumni and New Fellows. Special thanks to individual alumnae **Kalpana Sankar** (Changing Faces 2009) and **Vasanthi Ranganathan** (Open Grants, MEd 1987-1989) for arranging such stimulating field visits.



As a wonderful record of the Sustainability Leadership Symposium at the Center in August hosted by the Alumni Office, Bangkok Chapter Leader **Dr. Naris Chaiyasoot** (Population, Ph.D. 1978-1983) has sent some great [video clips](#) which are now featured in the newly revamped lobby of Burns Hall.

I was thrilled to reconnect with alumni in Hawaii in September to prepare for the Festival of Pacific Arts (FestPac) slated for June 10-21, 2020. Please consider coming early for the 60th anniversary celebrations to catch some of the cultural performances and exchanges!

Developing cultural competencies between East and West is more important than ever in the current volatile geo-political context. The Asian Studies Development Program, showcased below, enhances American undergraduate teaching and learning about Asian cultures and societies.

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## APPLY NOW

- [East-West Center Student Affiliate Program](#) (Spring 2020) – deadline: November 1, 2019
- [2020 Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellowship](#) - deadline: November 15, 2019
- [CSC-EWC Visiting Scholars Program](#) - deadline: November 15, 2019
- [Pacific Islands Tourism Professional Fellows Program – Spring 2020](#) – deadline: November 30, 2019
- [EWC Graduate Degree Fellowship](#) - deadline: December 1, 2019



Great to meet new EWCPA president Kripa Bhagat (MA, East Asian Languages and Literatures) and thank outgoing president **Layla Kilolu** (Education, MURP 2017-2019) for her amazing work.

Warmest Aloha,  
Amanda

- [EWC Graduate Degree Fellowship for Taiwan](#) -

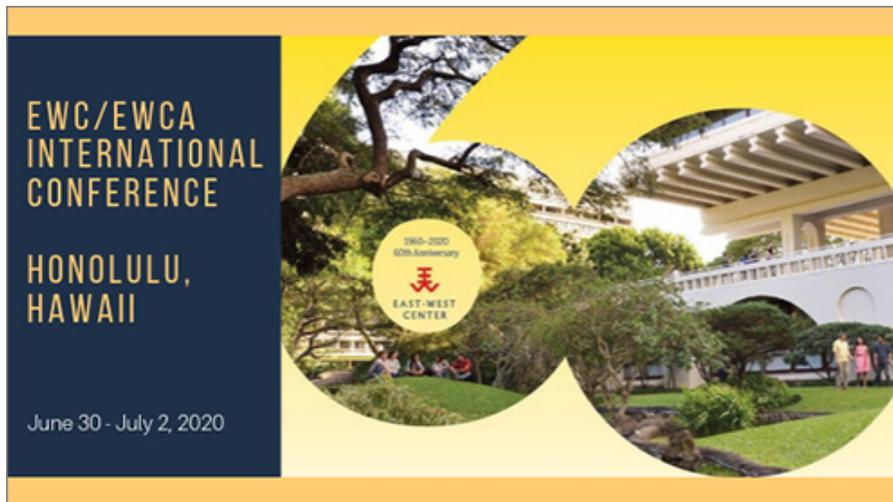
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- [Obuchi Student Scholarship](#) -

deadline: December 1, 2019

- [Asia Studies Visiting Fellowship](#) –

deadline:  
January 3, 2020



## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2020 EWC/EWCA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN HONOLULU

Join us in celebrating the East-West Center's 60th Anniversary at the EWC/EWCA International Conference on June 30-July 2, 2020.

[Online registration](#) is now open! Alumni can take advantage of the \$325 early registration fee until January 31, 2020. The \$350 regular registration fee will be in effect from February 1-June 22, 2020. The registration fee for non-EWCA members is \$400.

East-West Center Housing, Pagoda Hotel, Ala Moana Hotel, and Prince Waikiki are extending [preferential accommodation rates](#) to all conference attendees. Please note that you must register for the conference first, to qualify for the discounted conference participant rate in East-West Center Housing—Hale Mānoa, Hale Kuahine, and Lincoln Hall.

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[Registration is now open!](#)

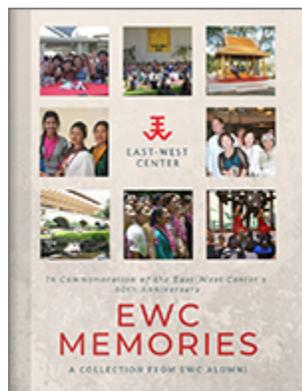
**EWC/EWCA  
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International  
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in Honolulu**

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Presentations for [specific sub-themes](#) related to the conference theme, *Moving Toward a Sustainable Future in the Asia Pacific*, are being solicited. The call for [individual abstract submissions](#) and [organized panel submissions](#) is now open! The submission deadline is January 31, 2020.



[View](#) the collection of **EWC Memories** we have already received. We will continue to add to the collection, so please [share](#) your East-West Center Memories with us. We look forward to seeing you in Honolulu in 2020.

### **Coming soon—EWC 60 for 60!**

As part of the windup to our 60th year commemorations, stay tuned starting November 11 to the East-West Center [home page](#) and [social media](#) for a special series of 60 weekly EWC history facts and photos! The fun and informative series will run all the way through the end of next year.

## **NEW EWCA PAN-PACIFIC CHAPTER**

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The EWCA Executive Board approved the formation of a new [EWCA Pan-Pacific Chapter](#) at its recent executive board meeting. The Pan-Pacific Chapter welcomes all alumni from throughout the Pacific region. The chapter includes members representing Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Chapter Leader [‘Ofeina Manuel-Barbarich](#) (APLP 2013-2014).

## **2019 APLP LAUNCH AND CHENNAI LEADERHIP SYMPOSIUM**

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The Asia Pacific Leadership Program Generation 19, in collaboration with [Shreya Nagarajan Singh Arts Development Consultancy](#), launched in Chennai on August 17 with 26 Fellows from 17 countries. In teams of three, Fellows explored the city, visiting significant cultural and historical sites. The Cohort met Consul General Robert G. Burgess at the [U.S. Consulate General Chennai](#), who

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echoed the thinking of the EWC Leadership Program, such as the importance of context, observing, listening and paying attention in leadership. They spent an incredible evening at the Amir Mahal (200 year-old palace) with [Nawabzada Mohammed Asif Ali](#), Heir-Apparent of the Royal House of Arcot. He continues his family's legacy work of interfaith harmony in India through arts, sport, and dialogue. The highlight was an impromptu invitation into his private music room to listen to his original music and to sing a few songs.



Everyone was inspired by a field visit to [Hand in Hand India](#) with their schools for street children, resource recovery center, and social enterprise academy. Invited by co-founder and EWC alumna **Dr. Kalpana Sankar** (Changing Faces 2009) who wrote, "It reminded me about my EWC days and how well structured your programmes are! Sandip (Mopokerjee) and Sahaana (Sankar) join me in saying that we enjoyed all three days of the events—each diverse in its own way. We hope to continue fostering this relationship with EWC." G 19 also visited with **Vasanthi Ranganathan** (Open Grants, MEd 1987-1989) at Lake View Learning & Development Center. Vasanthi writes, "I will carry good memories of the little world here at Lake View on August 22nd 2019 and I am sure each one has taken back some good learning."

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### About Us

The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue.

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The *EWC Chennai Leadership Symposium for Alumni and New Fellows* sponsored by the EWCA Chennai Chapter got off to an amazing start with a welcome dinner hosted by **Roopa Nagarajan** (Open Grants, MS 1983-1985) and her daughter **Shreya Nagarajan Singh** (APLP 2010--2011). Kicking off the night was Thilaga, the first-ever female Kattaikkuttu performer, breaking the stereotype that this theatre-form is in the domain of men only. **Swarna Rajagopalan** (EWC in Washington, 2006), founding trustee of the The Prajnya Trust and Jane Sloane, senior director of the Women's Empowerment Program, Asia Foundation, spoke on [The Gendered Reality of Insecurity](#). The EWC Chennai Leadership Symposium came to a fulfilling end with a Futures Cafe projecting possible futures and its implications on our work based on likely drivers in the fields of innovation, education, arts & culture and environment. Participants ended the day with field visits to work being done in these four areas.



A big shout-out to a core group of APLP alumni based in Tamil Nadu—**Shreya Nagarajan Singh** (2010-2011), **Phanikumar Kadambari Nageshwara Rao** (2016-2017), **Sharanya Dilip** (2014-2015), and **Ramnath Chandrasekhar Krishnamoorthy** (2017-2018)—who worked closely with EWC staff to plan an engaging and educational program in Chennai that introduced the Gen 19 APLP Fellows to the EWC ‘Ohana in India and to key issues in the region, as well as prepare them for their leadership learning journey.

## ASIAN STUDIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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The Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP) is one of the longest running programs at the East-West Center and has the distinction of having the Center’s largest and most geographically-diverse alumni chapter. Founded in 1990 to enhance American undergraduate teaching and learning about Asian cultures and societies, ASDP’s multidisciplinary programs bring humanities and social science scholars who are experts on Asia into conversation with educators who are expert in bringing current research into undergraduate classrooms. Since its inception, over 2,500 faculty members from more than 875 colleges and universities (including over 170 in Asia, Europe and Latin America) have participated in ASDP summer institutes, workshops and field seminars.

Over the long, hot summer of 2019, ASDP hosted three programs exemplifying its distinctive model of “curriculum and institutional development through faculty development.” 25 U.S. college/university

professors from 13 states collaborated with 14 invited Southeast Asia area studies experts to explore the diverse impacts of colonial practices across the region, including their effects on contemporary socioeconomic and political dynamics in [Colonial Experiences and Their Legacies in Southeast Asia](#), a 4-week program funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. This was the 20th NEH Summer Institute that ASDP has hosted since 1993.

The 2019 iteration of ASDP's flagship program—the Summer Institute on [Infusing Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum](#)—involved eight teams comprised of 22 U.S. college/university teachers, and examined Korea's emergence as a modern nation, beginning in the late 19th century, with a particular focus on Korean politics and popular culture. EWC alum and past president of the East-West Center's Alumni Association Executive Board, **Edward (Ned) Shultz** (Open Grants, MA 1969-1971), was a special advisor to the program.



Finally, a two-week field seminar program in Beijing, Yunnan Province and Shanghai, Contemporary Chinese Society and International Relations, was part of a 3-year Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language project funded by the US Department of Education. The program, led by Peter Hershock and **Fred Lau** (ASDP 1997, 1998) of Chinese University of Hong Kong, included 12 participants from the four-school consortium involved: Berea College (KY), Kirkwood Community College (IA), Mount San Antonio College (CA) and University of Central Oklahoma.



Always thinking ahead, ASDP alumni **Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen** (ASDP 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2017, 2018, 2019), **Dona Cady** (ASDP 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013), **Eric Spears** (ASDP 2012), and **Eric Kendrick** (ASDP 2004, 2011) spent portions of their summer planning for the 27th Annual ASDP National Conference, which will be hosted in Atlanta, GA, from March 5-7, 2020. Jointly organized by the EWCA ASDP Chapter and the University System of Georgia Asia Council, the conference theme of [Understanding Asia, Asian Understandings: Perspectives Past and Present](#) invites reflection on how differences of perspective affect cultural interactions and how unshared assumptions can both frame and slant historical, artistic, literary, philosophical, and social scientific accounts of those interactions. Conference registration is open and 250-word abstracts are being accepted for paper and panel proposals until November 15, 2019.

## EAST-WEST CENTER IN WASHINGTON

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The East-West Center in Washington (EWCW) advances U.S.-Indo-Pacific relations by creating innovative content, publications, exchanges, and outreach activities. Publications and projects analyze the major political, diplomatic, and security developments affecting Asia by engaging Americans and Asians in collaborative work.

The Indo-Pacific Seminar Series brings scholars and policymakers from the Indo-Pacific and the United States to present their research and findings to a Washington, D.C. audience. Internships in the [Young Professionals Program](#) offer students and recent graduates the opportunity to gain first-hand training experience working at a U.S.-Indo-Pacific research and education organization in Washington, D.C. EWCW hosts a number of visiting fellows and visiting scholars each year to conduct independent research projects focused on the Indo-Pacific region. Current fellowships include the [Asia Studies Visiting Fellowship](#) (application deadline: January 3,

2020) and the [U.S.-Japan-Southeast Asia Partnership in a Dynamic Asia Fellowship](#). The [Congressional Staff Program on Asia](#) is a bipartisan educational certificate program that aims to equip congressional staffers with greater knowledge of U.S.-Indo-Pacific policy in order to better understand America's role in and engagement with the region and the policy implications that will directly engage Congress.

The [Asia Matters for America/America Matters for Asia](#) initiative is a multi-activity, multi-faceted resource for nonpartisan, credible, and up-to-date information on diplomacy, policy, trade, investment, and education and people-to-people exchanges between the U.S. and the Indo-Pacific region. Most recently, [2020 U.S. Presidential Candidates on the Indo-Pacific](#), an online resource was launched to track statements on U.S.-Indo-Pacific policy issues by 2020 U.S. presidential candidates. The resource will collect statements and media on issues including security and defense; trade; environment and energy; cultural connections; human rights; and domestic politics. Updated daily, users will be able to filter statements based on issue and countries. The fourth edition of [ASEAN Matters for America](#) was launched on Capitol Hill in July and was launched in Singapore in September in partnership with sponsors the ISEAS Yusof-Ishak Institute and the US-ASEAN Business Council. In conjunction with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, co-sponsor of [Japan Matters for America](#), vice president and director of the East-West Center in Washington, Satu Limaye, spoke at two programs in Minnesota in September.

The [Asia Pacific Bulletin](#) is a publication series focused on policy-relevant Indo-Pacific developments and U.S.-Indo-Pacific relations. Special series focusing on a particular theme or topic with multiple authors include: Russia's Relations with the Indo-Pacific, Taiwan's Southbound Policy Aspirations and Realities, and Perspectives on North Korea. Two recent papers authored by 2018 Asia Studies visiting fellows in the [AsiaPacific Issues](#) series are [U.S.-China Trilateral Aid Cooperation: Features, Prospects, and Recommendations](#) by Denghua Zhang, and [Now I Know My ABCs: U.S.-China Policy on AI, Big Data, and Cloud Computing](#) by Wenchong Chen. [North Korea in the World](#), a joint pilot project of the East-West Center and the National Committee on North Korea, is an interactive, online resource that provides easily-accessible information on the diplomatic, economic, multilateral, humanitarian policies of North Korea, as well as China-DPRK and Inter-Korean relations.

## EAST-WEST CENTER RESEARCH PROGRAM

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The [East-West Center Research Program](#) brings a cross-disciplinary approach to understanding the process of rapid transformation that is occurring in Asia and the Pacific. The Center's collaborative research and capacity-building program aims to promote sustainability, prosperity, equity, and peace in the region. Research focuses on changes in climate, land and water use, health, family dynamics, economic roles, and international politics. See, for example, a recent EWC fact sheet on the [Economic Costs of Drought in Hawaii](#) by Abby G. Frazier.

The East-West Center's [Pacific RISA climate impact research group](#) hosted this year's national RISA meeting. Eleven teams from across the country met to share best practices, including innovations in designing impact assessment tools and methods. In [Learning from Success in Climate-Informed Decision-Making: Case Studies Across Three U.S. Regions](#) by Zena Grecni, Leah Shore, and Benét Duncan, a network of sustained assessment specialists present five case studies of successful local responses to climate change that are supported by scientific information.



The theme of the 2019 North Pacific Arctic Conference (NPAC) was Global-Arctic Interactions: The Arctic Moves from Periphery to Center. This [series of annual conferences](#) provide a venue for off-the-record engagement among policymakers/practitioners and scientists/analysts regarding Arctic issues of mutual interest to North Pacific Arctic states (Canada, Russia, and the United States) and non-arctic states (China, Japan, and Korea). The goal is to provide early warning regarding emerging policy issues and to promote improved understanding of major options for addressing them. To attract and involve the next generation of policy and science leaders, a cohort of

nine early-career Arctic research fellows were invited to participate in the conference.

Tim Brown and Wiwat Peerapatanapokin authored a recent East-West Wire, [HIV/AIDS in Asia: We Need to Keep the Focus on Key Population Groups](#). With international resources and financial support for HIV programs declining in the region, it is more important than ever for prevention efforts to achieve maximum impact by targeting the key populations most at risk.

## ALUMNI NEWS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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**Tahmina Ahmed** (Open Grants, MA 1984-1985) has been appointed dean and professor of the Faculty of Arts of Eastern University in Dhaka, Bangladesh. She was the former chairperson of the Department of English at the University of Dhaka. She has translated a number of plays from English to Bangla for local theatre groups and has directed many plays with students.

Women Entrepreneur Mentors Club (WEMC), a non-profit run by **Tsolmontuya "Tsom" Altankhundaga** (Education, MPA 2017-2019), received the 2nd runner up [Gender Innovation Award](#) in Taiwan for its contribution towards goal 5 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: Gender Equality (SDG5). As a finalist, Tsom attended a bootcamp in Taipei, followed by a Pitch Day, where she presented her organization's innovation solution to contribute to SDG5, and the awards ceremony. Two of the five WEMC programs that create an ecosystem of mentorship for women entrepreneurs are the [Mentorship Innovation Lab](#) founded by Tsom, **Amarjargal "Amaraa" Batchuluun** (Education, LLM 2017-2018), and **Pui Shan "Joyce" Wong** (APLP 2017-2018), and the [Green Economy Forum](#) organized for women entrepreneurs in Mongolia. The inaugural forum in July 2019 attracted 46 donors and over 260 participants, including 120 rural women entrepreneurs who now want to spread knowledge and organize similar events in rural areas. The objective for this first Green Economy Forum was to build visibility, then work on monthly awareness movements to promote green businesses, climate action, and green initiatives by women entrepreneurs. The forum was such a success, it will become an annual event.



["Purveying Arms Through Carrot and Stick"](#) by **Sarosh Bana** (Jefferson Fellowship 1990) appeared on the Atlantic Council blog on September 5, 2019.



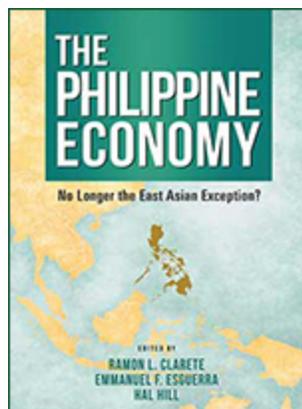
**Annalisa Burgos** (Jefferson Fellowships, 2019) has joined KITV in Honolulu. She has 20 years of experience as a news anchor/reporter/producer in nearly a dozen cities across the United States and Asia. Most recently in the Philippines, she was anchor/managing editor at the ABS-CBN News Channel (broadcast internationally under The Filipino Channel) and led U.S. and global news coverage for the morning newscasts. She also hosted and produced

"Food Diplomacy", where she talked politics and culture with diplomats from across the world.



**Thinley Choden** (APLP 2002-2003; Education, MPA 2005-2007) is in the early stages of setting up an accelerator/impact fund to help support and grow the nascent but growing entrepreneurship eco-system in Bhutan. She was a panel speaker at the [BEFIT](#) Biennial Conference in July 2019 speaking on the same. Through an introduction made by Amanda Ellis, Thinley connected with Aki Marceau (MD of Elemental Exclerator) of Hawaii. Aki

and Thinley attended the two day BEFIT Conference together in Thimphu and, given their common work and vision, hope to collaborate sometime in the future.



**Ramon Clarete** (Resource Systems, 1983-1984, 1984-1985, 1986), Emmanuel F. Esquerro, and **Hal Hill** (Resource Systems, 1991) are the editors of [\*The Philippine Economy: No Longer the East Asian Exception?\*](#) Contributors include **James Roumasset** (Food, 1976-1977; Resource Systems 1979, 1990; Research 2003, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012), **Majah-Leah V. Ravago** (Education, PhD 2006-2011; Research 2009, 2012), **Karl Robert L. Jandoc** (Research 2012), and **Gilberto Llanto** (Resource Systems, 1990).



**Wyatt Gordon** (Education, MURP 2014-2016) is one of two new correspondents joining *Greater Greater Washington* to add more regional context to its coverage. Based in Richmond, Virginia, he will be writing articles about transportation issues in the metro areas as they relate to the interconnectedness of the regions or to state policy and cover the state legislature when it is in session.



EWC non-resident senior fellow **Sang-Hyop Lee** (National Transfer Accounts Network 2016, 2018) received the “Presidential Commendation Award” presented by the Korea Statistics Commissioner during the celebration of statistics day for his “substantial contribution to the national industrial development through the production of reliable statistics.” He chairs the Executive Committee of the National Transfer Accounts (NTA) project which involves researchers from more than 70 countries in Asia, North and South America, Europe, Africa, and the Pacific. The NTA became the national statistics of the Republic of Korea in January 2019.



The Sonoma Land Trust has selected award-winning conservation leader **Eamon O'Byrne** (Research, 2018) as its new executive director. He was formerly the director of the California Islands Program at The Nature Conservancy.



Professor emeritus **Teresita Ramos** (Inst. For Student Interchange, PhD 1964-1965), pioneered the Philippine language program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa that included Filipino (the emerging national language) and Ilokano (the language of the earliest Filipino immigrants in Hawaii), writing basic texts for beginning and intermediate Filipino and around 20 books on teaching and analyses of Filipino. She served as language training coordinator for Peace Corps volunteers learning Tagalog, Kapampangan, Pangasinan, Cebuano, Waray, and Ilokano and established the Advanced Filipino Abroad Program funded by the U.S. Department of Education that gave advanced Filipino language training to Americans and Filipino-Americans. Professor Ramos received the Dangal ng Wika (honor of language) award conferred by the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (Commission on Filipino Language) on August 27 during the August "Buwan ng Wika" (language month).

## IN MEMORIAM

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**Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour** (Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health 1990, 2005, 2015) passed away peacefully on May 25, 2019 surrounded by a few of the many friends who had become family to her. Tributes testify to the legacy left by her inspirational mentorship and infectious passion for “doing science as if people matter.” She joined the University of Alberta

chemistry department in 1979 and was known worldwide for leading-edge research and teaching in hazardous chemical waste handling and disposal. As a woman in a traditionally male field, she became the first Associate Dean of Science for Diversity in 2005 and championed women in the sciences through initiatives such as WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science, and Technology at the University of Alberta) and the WinSETT Centre (Canadian Center for Women in Science, Engineering, Trades and Technology).



**Ponciano S. Intal, Jr.** (Population, 1997; International Media Conference, 2018) passed away on August 24, 2019. He was a senior economist and senior policy fellow at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). Since 2009, he has been one of the pillars of the institution, providing leadership, mentorship and guidance. He was president of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) from 1991 to 1998 and also served as

undersecretary of the National Economic and Development Authority, executive director of the De La Salle University Angelo King Institute for Economic and Business Studies, and chairman of the Department of Economics of the University of the Philippines Los Banos.



**[Sumi Makey](#)**, former dean of students and longtime Center supporter passed away on October 20, 2019. Sumi joined the Center in 1964 and played a major role in developing its first student programs. During the 1970s, she was largely responsible for the establishment of the Open Grants program, which greatly broadened the variety of study fields and interests that participants could pursue at the Center. In 1979, she was appointed the first dean of the newly created Office of Student Affairs and Open Grants. As dean, she made landmark visits to China and Bhutan, inviting the Center's first students from those countries. Generations of EWC alumni carry warm memories of Sumi as a caring mentor over the course of her several decades leading the Center's student and Open Grants programs. Sumi retired in 1988 but continued to be active in Center life, including generously supporting the EWC Arts Program, and endowing a student scholarship, the Sumi Makey Scholars Award in Arts and Humanities, which supports the creative pursuits of female participants from Southeast Asia. In 2014, the EWC alumni association recognized her as an Outstanding Volunteer, and the Friends of the East-West Center honored her with its "Friend for Life" award. See Sumi's [EWC oral history](#). Those who may be interested in making a contribution in her honor to the Sumi Makey Scholars Award, a scholarship she established for Center students in arts and humanities, please email the [EWC Advancement Office](#) or call (808) 944-7105.



**Sushma Swaraj** (New Generation 1994) passed away in New Delhi on August 6, 2019 at the age of 67. She was India's foreign minister from 2014 to 2019 during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first term in office. A senior leader of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), she was a gifted orator and outstanding Parliamentarian with friends and admirers across party lines.

## CHAPTER NEWS

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### EWCA Hawai'i Chapter

The EWCA Hawai'i Chapter was able to raise funds at their annual dinner at the Pacific Club this year to defray travel costs for 5 students to academic conferences, summer internships, and field study. These summer travel grants are awarded on a competitive basis and are a boon to their educational experience. Recipients of the of the 2019 EWCA summer travel grants underwritten by the Hawai'i Chapter are Haley Cannizzo, Ting-Ting Hsu, Ger Thao, Mattias van Ommen, and Yu-Chieh Wu. Reports from all EWCA summer travel grant recipients can be found on the [EWCA blog](#).



On Saturday, August 24, 2019 the Hawai'i Chapter hosted nearly 175 people, including incoming East-West Center students and EWC alumni, at their annual EWCA Hawai'i Chapter/CBI picnic at Kapi'olani Park. EWC alumni prepared BBQ picnic style food for the students, assisted by members of the CBI committee & EWCPA. The Chapter also provided a talk on the history of Kapi'olani Park, the glory of Diamond Head and the ecology of O'ahu for the students. Each year this proves to be an excellent way to network with students who will be future alumni of the East-West Center.



## EWCA Lahore Chapter

The Kashmir Issue is a very hot issue now between Pakistan and India and regional peace is under threat. Many journalists in Pakistan cannot understand the technical aspects of the issue and report it without even basic knowledge. The chances of misinformation is always there. The Lahore Chapter tried to minimize the risks of misreporting, by organizing a training seminar on August 29, 2019 in partnership with the Lahore Press Club for its members (Chapter leader Zulfiqar Ali Mehto is currently acting president of the Club). Four experts on the Kashmir Issue addressed the large gathering of journalists in the town. The experts included our Alumnus Professor Sajjad Naseer, an eminent political scientist of the country. Other speakers were former Pakistan Commissioner of Permanent Indus Waters Commission Syed Jamait Ali Shah, and former Law Minister of Pakistan Syed Afzal Haider who spoke of UN security council resolutions on Kashmir. Retired Army Officer Brgd Ghazanfar lectured on the topic of disasters of nuclear conflict in the light of capabilities of both Pakistan and India. Senior journalist poet Sarfraz Syed also recited his poem on Kashmir on the occasion.



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