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2ND GENERATION EWC GRADUATE STUDENTS

We are happy to celebrate our legacy EWC students in this year’s cohort alongside their parent alumni!

Priscilla Wang (Taiwan/US) received the Gary Lin Award from EWC and is pursuing a Masters in Education in Learning Design & Technology. Her father, Hsiu Chun “Eric” Wang (Open Grants, PhD in Electrical Engineering 1988-1992) was also a graduate degree fellow. Priscilla is living in the same Hale Manoa room her dad did!
Sara Hauf is an MA student in Asian Studies. Her mother, Kandice Hauf (Open Grants, MA in Asian Studies 1974-1976), was an EWC grantee as well. She became a Chinese History professor and shared with Sara the wonderful informal opportunities of living at the EWC. Her mom’s roommate was from Laos and was a member of a Lao-Thai cooking cooperative. This started her interest in Southeast Asia, which eventually led to Sara’s adoption from Cambodia. Sara remarked how her mom maintained her network in Asia from her time at the EWC and looks forward, now being at EWC herself, to immersing in the experience and sharing her own cultural background with new friends.

EWC AFGHANISTAN RESPONSE
So many of us are concerned about the plight of Afghan civilians with the return of Taliban control. Below we share a message from EWC Director of Operations, Ambassador Robert Riley, on actions East-West Center has taken, along with a few ways you might help personally.

“Dr. Vuylsteke, Dean Ann Hartman, and I have been in contact with members of our Board from the State Department in order to offer our assistance in sponsoring Afghans escaping Taliban rule. We placed our two incoming Afghan students and one former scholar on the State Department’s official “Afghans at Risk” list which is related to the evacuation effort at Kabul International Airport. I am pleased to announce that both incoming graduate students have been evacuated from Kabul where they will pursue onward travel to the Center. EWC has also applied to host other threatened scholars that were requiring sponsorship. Recognizing that each of you have your own charitable focus, I’d like to pass on a few possible ways to help Afghan refugees and refugees globally offered by members of the EWC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee:

- Homes Not Borders [https://www.homesnotborders.org/](https://www.homesnotborders.org/)
- Refugee Processing Center directory, which include many organizations engaged in the work: [https://www.wrapsnet.org/rp-agency-contacts/](https://www.wrapsnet.org/rp-agency-contacts/)
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services [https://www.lirs.org/](https://www.lirs.org/)

4 NEW EWCA CHAPTERS!
We welcome four new EWCA chapters to the alumni community! You can find contact information and updates at their chapter page or via the main EWCA Chapters page.

**Australia** (includes members from former EWCA Brisbane Chapter)

**Bhutan**

**French Polynesia**

**New Zealand**

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**EWC UPDATE**

**Six New Early Career Researchers Join EWC**

**Human geography, Southeast Asian studies, environmental governance, peace & conflict studies, climate change adaptation, participatory action research, critical cartography, disaster management**

McCall Fisher

**Water governance, political ecology, community-based resource management, public participation, environmental ethics**

Ming Li

**Intersection of rural livelihoods and natural resources, socio-political and environmental factors that exacerbate or mitigate rural household indebtedness in India; gender, farming systems, agarian studies, property studies, and political ecology**

Sanjosee Kandikoppa

**Migration, climate change, gender studies, Pacific cultures and identity, diaspora, marine resources management, marine protected areas, social and cultural anthropology**

Tammy Tabe

**Politics of land use change, resource extraction, and environmental conservation; resources and armed conflict dynamics; environmental peace building; Chinese investment in Southeast Asia, mainland Southeast Asia, with focus on Myanmar**

Ryan Longway

Kevin M. Woods

With the uptick in funding from the U.S. Congress, the Center invested in new talent to drive a front-edge research agenda that builds on our solid regional reputation. **Tammy Tabe** (Degree Fellow, MA in Pacific Islands Studies 2009-2011), one of the new EWC scholars, says she is “excited to join EWC because it nurtures diversity and offers a unique space for cross-cultural learning and experience for participants, scholars and emerging leaders from the Asia-Pacific region and the United States. **EWC has played a significant role in my career as a Pacific Islander, it was home to**
me during my degree studies and gave me an opportunity to make lifelong friends and to be part of the EWC family and community.”

Another EWC alumnus, Micah Fisher (Degree Fellow, MURP in Urban & Regional Planning 2012-2013; PhD in Geography 2013-2015, 2016-2018) says, “I was able to pursue my graduate studies through the East-West Center’s support and am excited to be returning to the Center as a research fellow. During my time at EWC I found one of the most dynamic communities I’ve ever come across, both in terms of the issues that the Center works on, and the backgrounds of people the Center convenes. I’m especially excited to be coming in with a skilled and motivated cohort of fellow researchers committed to addressing some of the most challenging social and environmental issues of our time.”

Launch of the 5th Edition of ASEAN Matters for America / American Matters for ASEAN - Members of Congress, executive branch officials, and private sector leaders celebrated the release of the 5th edition of ASEAN Matters for America / America Matters for ASEAN (ASEAN Matters) at a virtual launch and in-person reception on July 21. Leaders praised the new publication and emphasized the importance of America’s relationship with the region in remarks at the virtual proceedings, which were hosted by the East-West Center (EWC), US-ASEAN Business Council, and ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.

A critical component of the East-West Center in Washington’s flagship Asia Matters for America program, ASEAN Matters spotlights the multifaceted economic, diplomatic, and cultural ties between the United States and the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL) remarked, “At the federal government level, we’ve been talking for years across presidential administrations of both parties about the importance of the strengthening of our relationship in the Indo-Pacific region in general and in Southeast Asia in particular. Right now, this ASEAN Matters for America publication does a phenomenal job of showing how strong those ties already are on so many levels, from trade and industry to education, to tourism and the people-to-people connections that drive so many of our relationships and goodwill among us.”

Coming soon, Pacific Matters for America and Taiwan Matters for America. The new Korea Matters for America in expected out in March 2022.
New Fall Student Arrivals and Emergency Fund Update - We are excited to have one of our largest degree student cohorts in recent years. The 134 new students come from 31 countries and 27 US states; they speak 31 different languages and represent 51+ ethnicities. There are 69 master's degree students and 64 PhD candidates pursuing 50 different academic disciplines. The new students join 150 current students, for a total of 284 students in our living and learning community for Fall 2021. Many thanks to our generous scholarship donors! This growing pool of funds allows us to offer the gift of the East-West Center experience to more students each year.

Thank you also to those who contributed to our Emergency Fund to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. As you all know, we remain very much in the middle of this pandemic, and these funds continue to provide critical assistance to students, especially those who remain unable to return to their homes due to unavailability of flights or entry restrictions. We are most grateful to everyone in our generous and caring EWC community for their support during this difficult time. If you would like to contribute to the Emergency Fund click here.

We're Hiring!

The Office of Alumni Engagement is accepting applications for the position of Alumni Assistant. Please help us find the right addition to our team.

COVID Update - The EWC Covid Task Force continues to closely monitor the situation and guide decisions for the institution. We are fortunate to have a respected epidemiologist, Senior Research Fellow, Dr. Tim Brown, to advise the task force and management team. EWC’s cautious response has been difficult for staff and participants, but has kept our community safe. See the latest updates here.
INNOVATION FELLOWS: SUPPORT FOR TEEN GIRLS IN PAKISTAN

The EWC Innovation for Sustainable Development Fellows (#EWCinnovationfellows) is now officially recognized by the United Nations as an SDG Acceleration Action (#SDGAction37761). Fellows are EWC alumni who are transcending differences in program affiliation, cohorts, and generations to advance the cause of sustainable development while impacting thousands across Asia Pacific. In this issue we feature #HelpSaira.

Innovation Fellow Mahwish Gul (APLP 2015-2016) at the Center for Communication Program Pakistan developed #HelpSaira, a digital interactive and immersive story to help normalize discussion on menstration, especially for young girls. Help us promote the interactive story, accessible through this link. You can participate just as 3000 people have in just the first month since its launch!

FEATURED ALUMNI

Follow our "Featured Alumni" series on Facebook @EWCAlumni or by joining our LinkedIn East-West Center Alumni and Community group.

Eleanor Maineke (Pacific Islands Leadership Program (PIDP) 2016) is from the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB) in Papua New Guinea. Currently, she is the Grants Officer at Abt Associate’s Bougainville Partnership in the Buka Office in AROB. She is committed to the betterment of her community and is constantly initiating positive, lasting projects. One such initiative is documenting traditional ways of mediating and reconciling conflicts in Bougainville’s Siwai, Buin & Kieta Cultures. For this, she and her team were recently awarded the Young Pacific Leaders Small Grant by the U.S. Department of State. Eleanor shares the following about her EWC experience and lasting impacts:

I was happy to be given the opportunity to be part of EWC under PILP’s 4th Cohort in 2016. The experience enriched and exposed me to different cultures and practices in the Pacific and Taiwan. During my time at EWC I most valued learning about
adaptive leadership. It made me realize the importance of making it safe to disagree and debate but not to disengage and opt out. This process involves learning, unlearning, and relearning in our professional and individual lives. Being a member of EWC reminds me that our world can be so large and ourselves so small, but our impact can be great wherever we are.

ALUMNI NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

O툰巴特巴赫 (New Generation Seminar 2014) has published *ON THE BALCONY: A Mongolian Dream* that is now available on Amazon.com. The book is about the practice of leadership. Most books on the subject portray leadership as a set of personal traits rather than a group of universal principles that can be applied when leading ourselves, our teams, and our countries. This book is about “balcony” leadership—leadership taking place from a figurative “balcony” overlooking a set of challenges, rather than leadership from the “dance floor” below, where a leader can tackle the details and specifics of the challenges.

Arвиндер Бра́ра (Degree Fellow, MA in Business Administration 1970-1973) *Building Immunity: 8 Steps Against Covid and All Viruses* is available on Amazon.com. This is a guide book to help the reader understand Coronavirus and other viruses easily and BUILD IMMUNITY against Covid-19 and other viruses. The forward is written by EWC President Dr. Richard R. Vuylsteke.

Снейх Чаран (Institute for Student Interchange, MA in Drama & Theatre 1961-1963) article *Breaking the Mould: The Tale of a World- Travelling Woman in the 1950s* was included in the June issue of *Sienna Senior Living Inc.*
**Pooja Chowdhary** (APLP 2017-2018) was selected for the prestigious Chevening Scholarship by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the UK Government. She will be pursuing an MA in Media Practice for Development and Social Change from the University of Sussex in the session beginning this month.

**Henry Kaniki** (Pacific Islands Leadership Program (PILP) 2015-2016) is a recipient of the Community Leadership in Environmental Sustainability and Conservation Award and gives credit to PILP on his journey to be an inspiration to other young leaders in his country and region. He was behind his community’s successful July launched of its new waste management system in Jericho-2 Community, West Kola Ridge, Honiara. See the EWC Pacific Island Leadership Program *Celebrating Alumni Achievements* post for more.

**Sarah Kaut** (Pacific Islands Leadership Program (PLIP) 2018), a research fellow with the National Research Institute (NRI), received a Fulbright scholarship and is now pursuing a Master of Arts in Political Science focusing on Women in Politics at Western Michigan University.
James Cameron Mielke’s (Program on Population, PhD in Public Health, 1991-1995) *Have Bag – Will Travel: Adventures in International Living, Self-Discovery, and a Life of Meaning*, is now available on Amazon.com. The book shares inspirational story of overcoming health obstacles and finding new life through adventure, world service, and international living. 10% of proceeds from book purchases will be donated to charitable organizations in the developing world.

John Roderick Madarcos (Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI), Institute for Natural Resource Managers 2020-2021) *Understanding Local Perceptions on the Drivers/Pressures on the Coastal Marine Environment in Palawan Island, Philippines* is in this month’s issue of *Frontiers in Marine Science*. John and his colleagues conducted an in-home face-to-face structured survey in 10 coastal communities in Palawan, Philippines to contribute to the limited knowledge of how environmental changes to coastal and marine settings are perceived by the local populations who depend directly on them for their livelihoods, health, and well-being, and who are the most vulnerable to such changes.

IN MEMORIAM

Academic and writer Budi Darma (Open Grants 1970-1971) died on Saturday morning, August 21st at the age of 84. Darma was a professor at the Faculty of Language and Arts Education, State University of Surabaya, East Java. His works included *The Bloomington People* (short story collection, 1950), *Olenka* (1983) and *Critic Adnan* (2008). May he rest in peace.
Derensio S. Konman (APLP 2014-2015) was a two-year Congressman from the State representing the Chuuk Election District 3 or the Southern Namoneas Election District. A member of the FSM Congress and a lawyer by profession, the late Congressman made significant contributions to the introduction, deliberation and passage of important pieces of national legislation that enriched the national FSM Code. He was beloved by his APLP cohort and so many others who will miss him dearly.

Theodore "Ted" Bo Lee (member of the EWC Board of Governors, Seminar participant 2008, 2009, international alumni and media conferences 2008, 2010) died peacefully on August 17, 2021 at his home in Las Vegas. throughout his life, Ted was proud of his self-sufficiency, perseverance, and vision that he used to achieve his goals. Ted will be remembered for his passion for family, business, philanthropy, and sports. Those who knew this extraordinary man recognized that if Ted Lee thought he could accomplish something, he almost certainly would.

Thein Lwin (Open Grants, Masters in Library Studies 1984-1986) passed away on April 20 2021. He was a retired professor in the Library Science and Information Department at Yangon University. He led the EWCA Myanmar Chapter as President up until his passing. We thank Thein Lwin for his service and contributions to our EWC ohana.

Friend, colleague, thinker, teacher and champion, Gordon (Kem) Lowry, Jr. (Technology & Development, PhD in Political Science 1969-1972; Environment & Policy Fellow 1981, 1983), passed away on the morning of August 17th with wife Junko and son Cameron at his side. He was an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the East-West Center and Emeritus Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii. Kem supported and was actively involved with the East-West Center Association. He was the Chair of the EWCA Mentoring Program where alumni volunteers match current EWC participants with Honolulu-based alumni, professionals, and community leaders to strengthen their career interests. He also co-chaired the EWC/EWCA International Conference in Okinawa in 2014 and was on the EWCA Executive Board from 2012-2018. No words can express how deeply he is missed.
The East-West Center lost one of its earliest advocates and dearest mentors, Professor Emerita Barbara B. Smith (EWC Senior Fellow, Culture Learning Institute 1973), on July 3rd, 2021. A brilliant and devoted artist, researcher, and educator, Prof. Smith dedicated her life to fostering scholarship and performance both in Hawai‘i and throughout Asia and the Pacific. In 1959, aligning with her own vision that pioneered the emerging field of ethnomusicology, Prof. Smith strongly advocated for the establishment of the East-West Center at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa—a Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West. In June 2020, the EWC Arts Program kicked off a series of virtual events in honor of Prof. Smith’s 100th birthday.

CHAPTER NEWS

With support from EWCA Chapter Development Funds, alumni are innovating to recruit, retain, and engage alumni in their region. Here are some of the creative ways they are doing this.

- The Southern California Chapter hosted a hybrid (in-person and virtual) Impact Retreat September 11-12 for all California alumni to discuss past chapter successes, present needs, and immediate future actions. Read more and contact the Chapter Here.
- The Islamabad Chapter accepted submissions for an International Photography Competition: Visual Dialogue on Biodiversity, Climate Change and the Environment. Five prizes of $300 each were awarded to the winners.
- The Karachi Chapter piloted an Investigative Reporting Fellowship on Environmental Issues. Young journalists working in English, Urdu and Sindhi media have been matched with Senior Journalists, who guide them on story development. We can’t wait to see the published stories.
- The Asia Pacific Leadership Program Chapter is currently hosting a series of stellar talks by experts (including alumni) on leadership, tourism, anti-human trafficking, and other timely topics. All are invited! Find out about the series and other APLP Chapter activities in their latest quarterly newsletter.
- The Latin American Chapter hosted Looking Ahead Post-Pandemic: Community & Resilience, a lively roundtable with all-alumni speakers and facilitators who are from or work in this important region for EWC. Watch it Here.
- The Tokyo Chapter launched a new website and is currently hosting a series of virtual events that feature alumni expertise. Read a summary from the Age of AI and VUCA Society.
FIND ALUMNI ON LINKEDIN

Find and connect with alumni on EWC LinkedIn.
Use the alumni tab to search for people by location, affiliation or name and make sure to add EWC to the Education section of your LinkedIn profile to be included!