

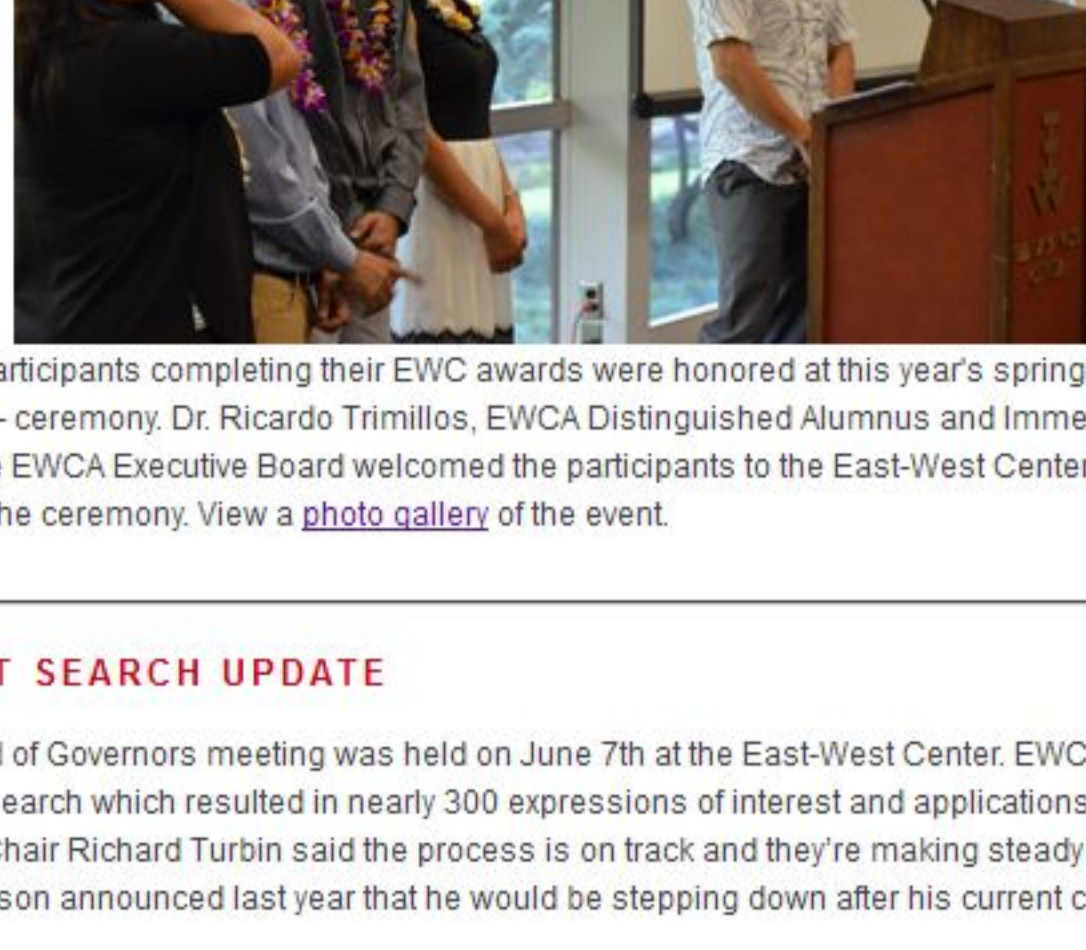
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PARTICIPANTS HONORED AT EWC COMPLETION CEREMONY

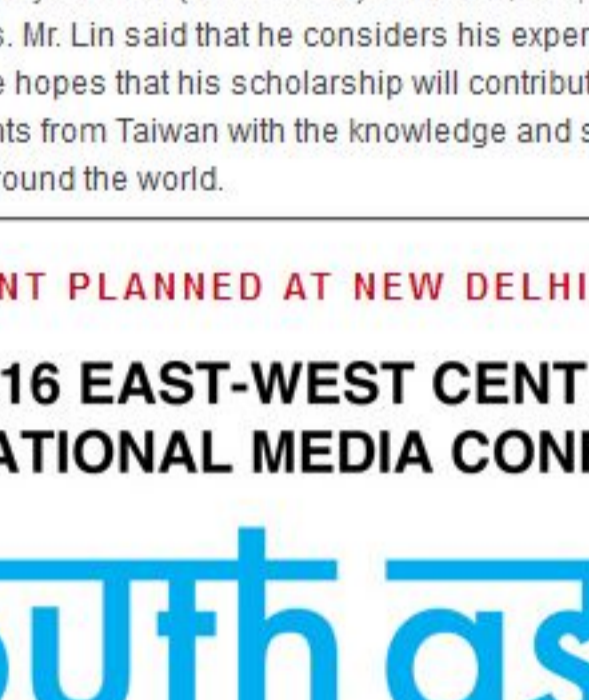


More than 90 participants completing their EWC awards were honored at this year's spring Ho'opuka - or "to pass through" - ceremony. Dr. Ricardo Trimillos, EWCA Distinguished Alumnus and Immediate Past President of the EWCA Executive Board welcomed the participants to the East-West Center Alumni Association at the ceremony. View a [photo gallery](#) of the event.

PRESIDENT SEARCH UPDATE

A special Board of Governors meeting was held on June 7th at the East-West Center. EWC staff received an update on the search which resulted in nearly 300 expressions of interest and applications for the position. Interim Board Chair Richard Turbin said the process is on track and they're making steady progress. President Morrison announced last year that he would be stepping down after his current contract expires at the end of July.

EWC RECEIVES LARGEST ALUMNI GIFT EVER



In March, the EWC Foundation received its largest single gift ever from a degree fellow alumnus, when longtime Taiwan IBM executive Gary S.H. Lin (ISI 1965-67) donated \$300,000 to support EWC Student Scholarships and Arts Programs. Mr. Lin said that he considers his experience at the East-West Center to have transformed his life, and he hopes that his scholarship will contribute to the Center's efforts to provide ambitious and promising students from Taiwan with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to promote the welfare of people around the world.

SPECIAL ALUMNI EVENT PLANNED AT NEW DELHI MEDIA CONFERENCE

2016 EAST-WEST CENTER INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CONFERENCE



In conjunction with the 2016 [EWC International Media Conference](#) this coming Sept. 8-11 in New Delhi, the EWCA will be holding a special session for East-West Center alumni followed by a reception. This event offers an occasion for all alumni to join the conference and talk with senior EWC leadership. The Center's last International Media Conference in Yangon, Myanmar in 2014 drew more than 400 attendees including journalists, policymakers, business professionals and EWC alumni. Special [registration rates](#) for the New Delhi conference on the theme of "South Asia Looking East" are available for participants from India and neighboring countries.

YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INNOVATE FOR PEACE



With the southern Philippines region often in the news for its armed conflicts, the attention was instead on young social entrepreneurs working toward peace this past Earth Day in Mindanao. The ASEAN PEACE Project (Peace and Environment Accelerator for Community Enterprise), started by young alumni of EWC [leadership exchange programs](#) and funded by President Barack Obama's *Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative*, gathered 20 young leaders (age 19-27) at Ateneo de Davao University in Davao City. The Project held a five-day accelerator program to develop social enterprise ideas and compete for \$2,000 in seed funding. The ASEAN PEACE Project continued later in the month with a similar event in southern Thailand.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Ronny Adhikarya (Comm 1975, 1976-77, 1979-80) has contributed a chapter to the latest edition of *The Dancing Leader Book* series, in both Indonesian and English, by Kompas Publishing. The fourth book in the series is titled "Developing Health through Neuro-Education in Motion, Mind and Music," and Adhikarya's chapter analyzes benefits of "neuro-plasticity-based" activities such as Tai Chi, martial arts and various forms of dance.



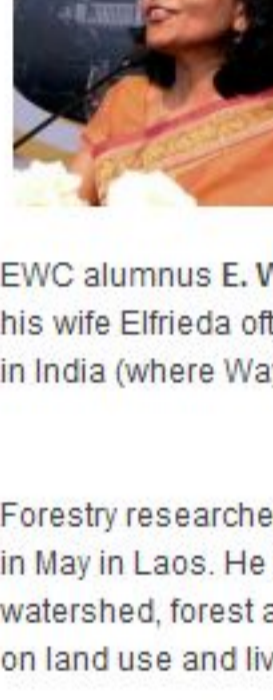
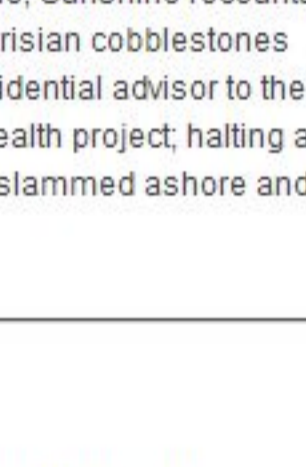
Sheena Black (APL 2005-06) has been appointed Vice President of Business Development for the North Louisiana Economic Partnership. She was previously with the Guam Economic Development Authority, where she worked to support international investors establishing businesses in the U.S. territory.

Former EWC Senior Fellow **Eric Jensen** was recently inaugurated as the 19th President of Illinois Wesleyan University. Jensen, an active scholar in the economics of demographic change, previously served as Provost and Chief Academic Officer of Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota.



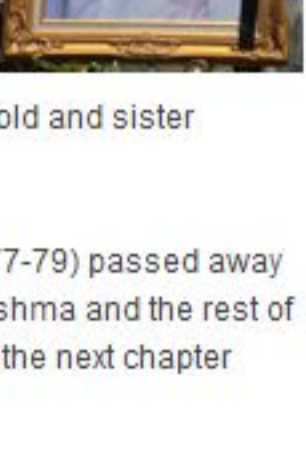
Jaweed Kaleem (SJS 2014) has moved from his position as Senior Religion Reporter for the Huffington Post to the L.A. Times, where he will cover a [new national beat](#) on race and justice. Kaleem will examine the ways that race and ethnicity shape the evolving understanding of what it is to be American, in addition to the persistent inequality in schools, neighborhoods, and the workplace.

U.S.-Timor-Leste Scholarship Program alumnus **Fidelis Magalhaes** (Degree Fellow 2003-06), who subsequently served as chief of staff to the Indian Ocean island nation's president, has graduated from the prestigious Mason Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. This is an intensive 1-year master's degree program in public administration and is the school's flagship international program for demonstrated leaders from developing, newly industrialized and transitional economy countries. Magalhaes was featured in a Kennedy School [article](#) in April, in which he discussed the challenges that Timor-Leste faces as one of the world's newest countries after a 24-year struggle for independence.



In honor of his recent retirement after nearly half a century with SUNY Oneonta's Philosophy department, a new scholar and author **Ashok Malhotra** (ISI 1963-69) was featured in a [three-part website series](#) about his life. Malhotra was named an EWC Distinguished Alumnus in 2000 for, among other things, his charitable work supporting education for underprivileged children in India.

Hong Kong University has named EWC alumnus **Keith Richburg** (Cult and Comm 1990-91) as the new director of its Journalism and Media Center. Beginning next fall, Richburg, whose journalism career has spanned 40 years and four continents with the *Washington Post* and other leading news outlets, will succeed frequent EWC partner **Yuen-Ying Chan** (East-West Seminars 2010, '12, '14), who founded the center in 1999.



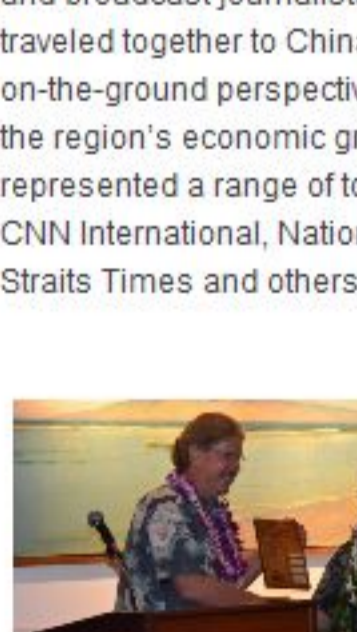
Vicki Shambaugh (Degree Fellow 1973-76), Executive Director at Pacific Health Research and Education Institute in Honolulu, Hawaii received the Shigeaki Hinohara Award from the Japan Society of Health Evaluation and Promotion on January 30, 2016 in Tokyo, Japan. The award recognized Ms. Shambaugh for her many years of service in the field of health and preventive medicine, and for her contributions to the development of preventive medicine.

EWCA Karachi Chapter Leader **Kamal Siddiqi** (Jeff Fellow 2006) has joined the Institute of Business Administration as the new Director of the Institute's Centre for Excellence in Journalism. He previously served for more than six years as editor of *The Express Tribune*, where he supervised four print editions and online news.



Russell Sunshine (PREM 1993-94) has published a memoir titled *Far & Away: True Tales from an International Life*. An entertaining journal of an international life, Sunshine recounts foreign adventures and encounters such as chasing barefoot over Parisian cobblestones to thwart an audacious heist of Colombian emeralds; serving as confidential advisor to the Chinese Government team negotiating that country's largest public-health project; halting a descent to a Sri Lankan beach just as the once-in-a-century tsunami slammed ashore and more.

IN MEMORIAM



Active member of the EWCA Bangladesh Chapter and the East-West Center Association, **Khaleda Ekram** (OG 1977-79), passed away on May 24th. She was a member of the EWCA Executive board for six years, and board chair from 2009 to 2011. She was a Professor and the first woman Vice-Chancellor at the Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology (BUET). The chapter held a condolence meeting in her honor.

EWC alumnus **E. Wayne Nafziger** (TDI 1972-73) passed away April 25 in Manhattan, Kansas. Wayne and his wife Elfrieda often traveled to Africa, Asia and Europe. These travels included significant periods of time in India (where Wayne was a Fulbright professor), as well as at EWC in Honolulu.

Forestry researcher **Khamia Phanvilay** (Grad Degree Fellow 2003-07) passed away in May in Laos. He was a lecturer and international development consultant in watershed, forest and natural resource management policy, and conducted research on land use and livelihoods.



University of Hawai'i at Manoa Librarian and former East-West Center staff, **Victoria Diane Rumenapp** (RSI 1980-81, 1983-85, 1985-86; Env and Policy 1980) passed away on March 18. Born in Santa Monica, California, she is survived by her brother Harold and sister Candace.

Longtime active EWCA Southern California Chapter member **Vijay Trehan** (Comm 1977-79) passed away on May 10. Fellow chapter members sent their sincerest sympathies to Vijay's wife Sushma and the rest of the Trehan family, and will celebrate his life by sharing photos and happy memories at the next chapter meeting in July.



Former Chair of the UH School of Communications **Dan Wedemeyer** (Comm 1976-77, 1978-80, 1981-82; Cult and Comm 1983-84; Prog on Cult Studies 1995; Research 2001) passed away in March. Originally from Iowa, he was an expert on telecommunications forecasting, focusing on the Asia-Pacific region. In addition to being an EWC fellow, he was a Fulbright scholar in Yugoslavia, and earned many other academic distinctions. Memorial donations may be sent to the Dan J. Wedemeyer Excellence in Teaching Award [fund](#) at UH.

EWCA CHAPTER NEWS

Asian Studies Development Program – In March, ASDP celebrated its Silver Anniversary at its annual national conference held this year in Washington, D.C. More than a hundred educators from around the U.S. and beyond attended the conference, titled "Celebrating 25 Years of Learning about Asia."



Bali – The chapter held a meeting on March 29 with special guest Claire Langham, Chapter Leader for the Southern California Chapter, who discussed the technical aspects of establishing a joint "sister chapter" project.

Beijing – On May 7, chapter members hosted a reception for the participants in this year's Jefferson Fellowships journalists' exchange program. The 14 distinguished print and broadcast journalists from 10 countries and territories traveled together to China, Japan and Hawai'i to gain on-the-ground perspectives and deepen their knowledge of the region's economic growth issues. Participants represented a range of top news organizations including CNN International, National Public Radio, Times of India, Straits Times and others.

Hawai'i – On April 17, the chapter held its annual fundraising dinner at the Pacific Club in Honolulu. An Outstanding Service Award was presented to recently retired EWC Arts Program Coordinator and early degree participant **Bill Feltz** (ISI 1966-68) for his numerous contributions and many years of tireless service. In addition, special recognition was given to EWC President Charles E. Morrison, who has announced that he will be retiring in July after serving as the Center's chief executive for the past 18 years. The event helped raise funds for EWCA Summer Travel Grants for Center participants.

Islamabad – This quarter, the chapter raised Rs 91,000 for the House of Light School in Begwal village outside of Islamabad City. The money will go towards operational expenses for the school, which provides free quality education to children from disadvantaged families. In addition, the chapter also planted 150 fruit trees at the school as part of a plan to establish an orchard in the village.

New York – Visiting EWC President Morrison and Pacific Islands Development Program Director **Gerard Finin** were among 19 attendees at a chapter dinner on May 13 featuring guest speaker **Ambassador Caleb Otto**, Permanent Representative of Palau at the United Nations. Dr. Otto, who is married to EWC alumna **Judy Buster-Otto** (Resource Systems 1976-78), spoke about issues in Palau, the new UN International Development Goals and climate change.

Taiwan – Last month, members attended a luncheon with EWC staff to recognize **Gary S.H. Lin** (first row, 5th from the left in photo) for his generous donation to support scholarships and the Arts program.

Tokyo – EWC Director of External Affairs **Karen Knudsen** and Development Officer **Gary Yoshida** met with current chapter leader **Kazuhiro Takemoto** (far right in photo) and past leader **Takashi Tshuchiya** (far left in photo), to update them on recent Center activities.