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ALUMNA’S FILM SHOWN AT HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART’S FILIPINO FILM FESTIVAL

This past June, Sunshine Lichauco de Leon (Seminars 2014, 2016) from Manila previewed her documentary film “Curiosity, Adventure and Love” at the Honolulu Museum of Art’s Filipino Film Festival. The film recounts tales of her adventurous American grandmother’s journey to the Philippines in the 1930s, and all the history she has witnessed since.

RECENT JEFFERSON FELLOW ALUMNA WINS EMMY AWARD

Journalist and News Anchor Viviana Hurtado (Seminars 2017) won an Emmy Award from the Lower Great Lakes chapter for “The 71 Year Journey to Bring a World War II Veteran Home,” in the category Military: Single Story/Series, besting entries from the larger television markets of Cleveland and Indianapolis. Hurtado was also selected as a 2017 Jefferson Fellow, traveling in May with fourteen U.S. and Asian journalists to Hawaii, China, Japan, and the Philippines, reporting as multi-media journalists with daily newscasts and social reports.
Current EWCPA President Shintaro Taniguchi (Education 2014-17) took time out to visit EWCA Chapters abroad. Shintaro visited Nagoya, Kansai, Okinawa, and Brunei Chapters and met up with various alumni members, gathering for meals and activities, and providing updates on EWCPA enterprises in Hawaii. He also conducted an intercultural Judo seminar in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan, Brunei Ministry of Education, Brunei Sports Club, and Brunei-Japan Friendship Association. The seminar was featured in Brunei newspaper and TV media.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

On April 12, 2017, Everette E. Dennis (Communication 1976; Seminars 2016) was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the United States’ oldest learned societies and independent policy research centers. Dennis is currently the Dean and CEO of Northwestern University in Qatar, and at Northwestern’s home campus, he is a professor in the Medill School of Journalism and is cross-appointed in the School of Communication. He has written or edited more than 45 books and more than 200 articles, essays, and monographs about global media, media industries, media law, and management…more.

Kwang-doo Kim (Tech & Development, PhD 1973-76; Resource Systems 1986, 1987; Development Policy 1987; Research 2014) has been appointed vice chair of South Korea’s National Economic Advisory Council, a presidential advisory body, by President Jae-in Moon. Kim earned his doctorate from the economics department in the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii and is a professor at the Sogang School of Economics in Seoul.

Delia Rodriguez-Amaya (ISI, MA 1964-66; Associates 2010, ’16) was conferred the title of Professor Emeritus by the Rector (President) of the University of Campinas (Unicamp) in Campinas, Brazil. In its 50 years of existence, the Faculty of Food Engineering has only conferred one Professor Emeritus, to one of the Faculty’s Founders. Professor Amaya is an internationally renowned researcher in food analysis and chemistry, and is the author of more than 250 publications. She is one of the top three Unicamp professors most cited in the international literature, and the only Unicamp professor who received the Zeferino Vaz Recognition Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research, three times.

Vasanthi Ranganathan (Open Grants 1987-89; Associates 2010; Seminars 2016), pictured third from the left in the photo, helped build 123 toilets for tribal girls in Maharashtra, as well as offered career guidance and motivational talks to female students. Vasanthi is an active member of EWCA Chennai Chapter.

K. B. Sankaran (Open Grants 1970-72) recently stopped by the East-West Center with his family. He returned to Honolulu for the first time in over forty years and made sure that the East-West Center was his first stop. Mr. Sankaran, who is also on the Chennai Chapter board, met with Noreen Tanouye, EWC Alumni Coordinator, to get updates about EWC to share with the Chapter.
Sarosh Bana (Cult & Comm 1990; Prog on Comm & Journ 1992; OEA 2008; Associates 2010, '12, '14) recently authored an article entitled “A ‘Pacifist’ Japan Starts to Pack a Punch,” that appeared in The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI). RUSI is the world’s oldest independent think tank on international defense and security. The article discusses Japan’s cooperating role in combating security threats, alongside its position as a nonviolent nation.

IN MEMORIAM

Ben Finney (Tech & Development 1971-72), the last surviving founder and first president of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, passed away in May at the age of 83. Finney was a senior fellow at the East-West Center, and worked as a UH Professor from 1973 to 2000. He was a University of Hawaii Professor Emeritus who helped to show that ancient Polynesians were capable of finding the Hawaiian Islands through noninstrument navigation, rather than by chance.

Kenzi L. Mad (ITI 1968; 1968-69) passed away on May 22, 2017 at home in Palau. Kenzi was a program officer with Culture and Learning Institute in the 1970s and worked on the Hokule’a project. Funeral arrangements were made in his home state of Peleliu.


David E. Marsters (Institute for Student Interchange, MA in Art 1965-67) of Poulsbo, WA recently passed away.

Lee Fah Onn (ISI, PhD 1968-70) passed away on June 24, 2017, at the age of 76. Together with fellow East-West Center alumni, he helped found the Malaysian Chapter of International East-West Center Alumni Association, in 1987. Since then, he helped contribute much to the Chapter.

Former Okinawa Governor Masahide Ota (Cultural Learning 1973-74) passed away on June 12, 2017 on his 92nd birthday. Ota, a noted historian and survivor of the Battle of Okinawa, served as governor from 1990 to 1998. He led the project to build the “Cornerstone of Peace” for all who died in the Battle of Okinawa, and was nominated for the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. He also established the Okinawa International Peace Research Institute, an organization that collects and studies historical materials about wars in its noteworthy efforts to promote peace.
David Pellegrin (Communication 1969-72, ’78; Centerwide, PA 1970; Associates 2010) passed away in early August. He was 74. Dave was the longtime owner of Honolulu Magazine, and for decades a media institution as chairman and owner of Honolulu Publishing Co. He came to Hawaii for post-graduate Asian studies via an East-West Center grant, and then later got a job with the Honolulu Advertiser as an editorial writer and then a reporter.

Ir. Sadar Ali bin Raunkee (Food Institute 1974) passed away on May 25, 2017. He retired as Assistant Director of Drainage & Irrigation Department (DID) in Malaysia. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and grandson.

EWCA CHAPTER NEWS

Nepal -- EWCA Nepal continues its involvement with the Fulbright Commission, having met up with the new Fulbright Commission Executive Director Dr. Thomas B. Robertson. The meeting was for the executive committee members of various commission related alumni associations. Nepal Chapters members participated in Fulbright Alumni Association Nepal (FAAN) talk programs and panel discussions and Fulbright lecture series. Members also attended a reception hosted by the Honorable U.S. Ambassador to Nepal Alaina B. Teplitz and Dr. Thomas B. Robertson, to celebrate the 56th Annual Fulbright Day.

New York – Ramy Inocencio is the new President of the EWCA New York Chapter. Mr. Inocencio is an Anchor for Bloomberg television, and is an APLP alumnus. New York Chapter held a successful dinner with a guest speaker from the UN, Joanne Ou. Ms. Ou is Director and Deputy Counselor of the UN Task Force of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

Singapore – EWCA Singapore Chapter members attended a lecture by distinguished alumna Dr. Yap Mui Teng on Demographic Profile of Grandparents in Singapore. She was one of the key speakers in a symposium titled ‘The Grand Generation: Intergenerational Ties and Active Ageing.’ Chapter members also met with Susan Kreifels,
EWC’s Media Programs Manager, to brainstorm on the upcoming 6th International Media Conference to be held in Singapore 2018.

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