



Young Leader | Connections

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Pacific Forum CSIS resident fellows and Young Leaders from left to right: DongJoon Park, Nicole Forrester, Naoko Aoki, Kei Koga, Greer Meisels, Linnea Duvall, Jenny Lin, Nathan Pinkus, Seongho Hong, Jiun Bang, Takashi Kawamoto, Stephanie Kang, Cristin Orr Shiffer, Adam Liff, Ryo Hinata-Yamaguchi, Seukhoon Paul Choi.

Young Leaders meet in Lahaina, Maui for US-Japan-ROK dialogue

Young Leaders assembled in Maui, Hawaii, USA for the Fifth US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Dialogue, held at the Royal Lahaina Resort. As with many Young Leaders conferences, this event ran concurrently with a senior expert program, with additional events designed specifically to encourage YL networking and idea sharing.

“It was fortunate for me to have conversations with brilliant Young Leaders who are experts on Northeast Asia,” said first-time attendee and new resident Kelly Fellow Seongho Hong. “I found it interesting that I learned more about my own country (ROK) from foreigners, since I was able to hear from many different perspectives. Learning from

senior participants’ experience and sharing Young Leaders’ insights at the Maui shore where whales were breaching was unforgettable.”

The next Young Leaders conference will be held in San Francisco, California, USA and will run in tandem with the 19th Annual Japan-US Security Seminar.

Director's Message



Nicole Forrester

In his 1961 inaugural speech, John F. Kennedy inspired a country with “ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

Through the Young Leaders Program, I strive to deliver events and projects with the highest quality participants discussing thought-provoking, forward-looking issues in a seamless logistical environment. Hopefully, most of the time we hit that mark. However, in any endeavor there is always room for improvement!

In 2013, based on YL feedback received last year, we are really expanding our services with the launch of: a new food, energy and water security project; an interactive WMD non-proliferation website; alumni chapters across the globe; a secure online collaborative project platform; new partnerships to increase YL publishing opportunities; an expert pool to connect you with key seniors, and a new internship program based in our Washington D.C. CSIS office.

As we continue to refine and expand the Young Leaders Program, there is always an opportunity to identify a challenge or a need and to suggest a solution. I'd love to hear your ideas about how we can make the Young Leaders the preeminent Asia-Pacific security policy leadership development program.

So remember, ask not what your YL program can do for you, ask what you can do to improve the YL program!

Young Leader Profile Cristin Orr Shiffer

How did you first get involved in the Young Leaders Program?

I'm a WSD-Handa resident fellow at Pacific Forum where I'm researching whole of government approaches to US overseas basing challenges.

I just returned from Maui and my first Young Leaders conference so I'm new to the program. What's impressed me the most is the way the program brings participants with diverse backgrounds, research interests, and professional accomplishments literally to the table with senior policy professionals. Add to that the robust analysis, candor, and out-of-the-box thinking on offer during the Young Leaders sessions and I'm convinced this is where progress will be achieved on the significant challenges of our time.

What sparked your interest in international relations?

I grew up in Annapolis, MD—just outside of Washington, DC. National and international politics were our local news. My mother worked for the Maryland Legislature and my dad was a pilot for United flying internationally. Merge those together and I guess you get a kid who likes international politics!

My first job out of college was as a staff associate for the (then) House International Relations Committee. I was struck by the lack of women on the committee staff and by the hesitancy of the staff to engage any topic in which women were considered a relevant level of analysis. Women are 51% of the population and disproportionately impacted by armed conflict, yet our brightest policy analysts nearly universally focused on men as the primary actors in international politics and assumed women's lived experiences and security interests were identical to those of men.

WSD-Handa Fellow Cristin Orr Shiffer participated in her first YL conference in Maui earlier this month. Cristin previously interned at Pacific Forum CSIS.



Young Leaders in the media



Dr. Ryo Hinata-Yamaguchi, Vasey Fellow at Pacific Forum CSIS, appeared on Hawaii News Now's "Sunrise" Program twice in the past month to discuss the North Korean nuclear threat and share his informed analysis on the situation.

You can view the full interview at: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/20754210/the-threat-of-north-korea>

Non-resident Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellow John Hemmings was recently featured on the BBC.

He also wrote for CNN on the North Korean nuclear test, noting "The timing is of course, everything. Setting the test for the day of President Barack Obama's State of the Union address is not random luck. It puts pressure exactly where pressure is wanted: in Washington." Full article at <http://edition.cnn.com/2013/02/13/opinion/north-korea-where-next-hemmings/>



Publications

South Korea's Changing Security Paradigm
by Michael Raska

<http://www.project-syndicate.org/online-commentary/south-korea-s-changing-security-paradigm-by-michael-raska>

Abe and a Strengthened Japan - By Way of North Korea? by Miha Hribernik

<http://journal.georgetown.edu/2013/02/11/abe-and-a-strengthened-japan-by-way-of-north-korea-by-miha-hribernik/>

After Obama's Visit: The US-Thailand Alliance and China by Saiswan Chingchit

<http://www.eastwestcenter.org/sites/default/files/private/apb189.pdf>

China's Soft Power in East Asia: A Quest for Status and Influence?
by Chin-Hao Huang

<http://www.nbr.org/publications/element.aspx?id=640>

Young Leader Opportunities

Post-Doctoral Fellowship The Center for the Study of Contemporary China University of Pennsylvania

The Center for the Study of Contemporary China (<http://cscs.sas.upenn.edu/>) at the University of Pennsylvania invites applications for a postdoctoral fellowship during the 2013-2014 academic year.

The CSCC supports research on all aspects of contemporary China that fall within the broad mission of the CSCC as described here (<http://cscs.sas.upenn.edu/aboutus>). Applications are welcomed from scholars who have received their Ph.D. or equivalent degrees in the last two years, or who expect to complete their degree by June 2013.

Fellows at the CSCC will pursue their own research and participate in the activities of the Center. The fellowship includes a stipend of \$45,000-50,000, depending on experience, a \$2500 research fund, and health insurance. The University of Pennsylvania is an EO/AA employer and we welcome applications from women and minorities.

Applications will be reviewed starting March 1, 2013. To receive full consideration, your application should be received by that date. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by April 1, 2013. To apply, send a C.V., a research statement, a writing sample, and three letters of recommendation to cscs-contact@sas.upenn.edu.

Program Officer John D. & Catharine T. MacArthur Foundation

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation seeks a Program Officer to manage grants in the area of International Peace and Security, focusing on Asia security. Duties include managing a roster of active grants (mainly in the Foundation's Asia security portfolio), preparing recommendations and evaluations of grant proposals, conducting grant-related research, developing funding strategies, and actively maintaining relationships in the field.

A full description is available at:
<http://bit.ly/Xahn0c>

Research Position S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) Nanyang Technological University

The RSIS Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies is undertaking research into various aspects of food security as affected by acute and chronic factors such as climate change, and the impact of these factors on food production and the food supply chain. The goal of the research is to provide guidance on policies needed at national and regional levels to assure the stability of food security.

The Centre is seeking a suitable candidate with the requisite skills to join its food security team. The candidate should have strong English academic writing skills, a strong grounding in economics (preferably agriculture or policy oriented), possess analytical and strong quantitative research skills, have a working knowledge of food production systems and also the ability to work in an inter-disciplinary environment. The successful candidate will be expected to play an important role in formulating and implementing research projects, managing and producing research outputs for publications, conceptualising and organising conferences and workshops, as well as participating in other outreach activities.

Applicants should possess a Master degree from a recognised university in a relevant field. Opportunity exists to apply for admission to a PhD programme. Applicants with a Doctorate will be considered for the Research Fellow position.

Interested applicants must fill in the Application for Employment Form <<https://app.getresponse.com/click.html?x=a62b&lc=BRknY&mc=BR&s=yTrX4&y=g&>>, and submit this with their CV, 2 reference letters, 2 writing samples and a cover letter explaining their interest in the position via email to:

Head of Administration
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies
Nanyang Technological University Block S4, Level B4, Nanyang Avenue, Singapore 639798
Fax: (65) 6794-0617
Email: rsisrecruitment@ntu.edu.sg
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Rotary Peace Fellowship Rotary Peace Center

Over the past ten years, Rotary Peace Centers has provided over 700 future peace leaders with peace and conflict resolution education and field experience. Our alumni work all over the world with organizations ranging from grassroots peace initiatives in Africa to the United Nations.

In an effort to reach out to more qualified candidates all over the world, Rotary is reaching out peace-related organizations and top universities asking them to post our fellowship opportunity to their websites, social media, listservs or newsletters. Below is a short description of the fellowship: The Rotary Foundation is now accepting applications for the world-competitive Rotary Peace Fellowship. The fellowship provides academic and practical training to prepare scholars for leadership roles in solving conflicts around the world. Up to 100 fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements. Fellows earn a master's-level degree or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of six Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities in Australia, England, Japan, the United States, Sweden and Thailand. To learn more about the program, applicants are encouraged to visit the Rotary Peace Centers website at www.rotary.org/rotarycenters. All applications are due 1 July 2013.

Trans-Pacific Student Contest Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs

Each entry must be a collaboration between a student who is a citizen of the United States and a student who is a citizen of one of the following: Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, North Korea, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam.

COMPETITION DEADLINE: April 30, 2013
CONTEST PRIZE: Contest winners will receive a free trip to New York City in November 2013, to attend a 3-day Carnegie Council Global Ethics Network Annual Meeting.

Please contact Evan O'Neil at eoneil@ccea.org or Devin T. Stewart at dstewart@ccea.org.

WSD-Handa Fellows Pacific Forum CSIS

Pacific Forum CSIS accepts applications for WSD-Handa Fellows on a rolling basis, however we are currently actively seeking applicants for our Fall 2013 class of fellows.

Through the generosity of the Worldwide Support for Development and Dr. Handa Haruhisha, the Pacific Forum CSIS has established the WSD-Handa Fellowship Program. This fellowship offers both resident and non-resident fellowships to increase East Asian, US and European participation in Pacific Forum programs. The WSD-Handa fellows should already have some knowledge of East Asian security and economic developments and should use this fellowship as an opportunity to take a more in-depth look into these issues and offer solutions for improvement.

WSD-Handa fellows will be resident at the Pacific Forum office for three months to a year. Special consideration will be given to applicants from lesser developed Southeast Asian nations and to those in Europe who focus on East Asia security issues. He or she will spend half that time working on an independent research project, under the guidance of Pacific Forum senior staff, which will lead to its publication in the Pacific Forum Issues and Insights series.

The other half of his/her obligations will be to assist with Pacific Forum research and programs.

This fellowship is a full-time (35 hours per week) position and Fellows will live and work in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The application packet should include:

WSD-Handa Resident Fellowship application (Download PDF or MS Word); A cover letter detailing interests and why the WSD Handa Fellowship will contribute to the applicant's professional development; Curriculum Vitae; A letter of recommendation; and a description of a research project to undertake as a WSD-Handa Fellow (not to exceed 1,500 words).

Applications should be sent via email to PacificForum@PacForum.org or to Pacific Forum CSIS, 1003 Bishop Street, Suite 1150, Honolulu, HI 96813, USA.