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## **OUR VISION**

The Pacific Forum envisions an Indo-Asia-Pacific region where all states contribute to peace and stability and all people enjoy security, prosperity, and human dignity while governed by the rule of law.

## OUR MISSION

To find a better way to enhance mutual understanding and trust, promote sustainable cooperative solutions to common challenges, mitigate conflicts, and contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific.

The Pacific Forum conducts policy-relevant research and promotes dialogue through a network of bilateral and multilateral relationships on a comprehensive set of economic, security, and foreign policy issues. The Pacific Forum's analysis and policy recommendations help create positive change within and among the nations of the Indo-Asia-Pacific and beyond.

## **REMEMBERING ADMIRAL LLOYD "JOE" VASEY**



The Pacific Forum mourns the passing of its founder and inspiration, RADM Lloyd R. "Joe" Vasey, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 7, 2018 at age 101. Lloyd Roland Vasey was born in Vallejo, California on January 31, 1917 to parents, Commander R.C. Vasey, USN and Mrs. Mabel Anderson Vasey. He graduated from the US Naval Academy, Annapolis in June 1939 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Vasey married wife Lilian Ruth in 1946; they had three daughters Kris, Karla, and Kari, and one granddaughter, Gracia.

His military service includes Deputy Director of the US National Military Command Center in Washington, Secretary to the US Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Chief of Plans, Policies, and Strategy at CINCPAC where he represented the US as an official delegate to US security treaty meetings with allied countries in the Asia-Pacific. A submarine veteran, he held five command positions at sea (submarines and surface ships), and served as Chief of Staff for Commander Seventh Fleet and the Navy's Underseas Warfare Planning officer in the Pentagon.

Following a distinguished military career, Joe Vasey founded the non-profit, non-partisan Pacific Forum in 1975, a policy research institute to help stimulate cooperative policies in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region through debate and analyses undertaken with the region's leaders in the academic, government and corporate arenas. The findings and recommendations of the Forum's projects are disseminated to opinion leaders, governments, and the public.

Adm. Vasey will be remembered fondly, not only as the founder of the Pacific Forum, but also as the heart of our organization. We miss him dearly.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Aloha! It's been another highly productive year for the Pacific Forum. 2017 marked 42 years since Admiral Joe Vasey opened our doors to "find a better way" to solve some of the most pressing foreign policy challenges in the Asia Pacific. Despite a new administration in Washington and subsequent shifts in rhetoric and policy, Pacific Forum's agenda remains unchanged to promote peace and stability throughout the region through active, engaged dialogue; thoughtful analysis; and policy-oriented

recommendations for decision-makers.

Our annual report is but a snapshot of the incredible work that our team accomplished this past year. In terms of numbers, we held 14 senior-level conferences in 12 cities and offered 200 seats to Young Leaders at most of these events. Our most important work, however, does not come with a number attached—building peace, confidence, and trust in the Asia Pacific; complementing US diplomatic efforts; and providing promising young experts with the tools and access needed to advance their careers.

More personally, 2017 was noteworthy for another reason—it marked my last full year as president and our final year of affiliation with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Pacific Forum has grown in the years since I became president, with an increase in programs and full-time staff to support them. At the end of my tenure, I'm proudest of how many young professionals have participated in and grown from our next-generation initiatives. While I will be stepping aside as president in July 2018 to assume the new Handa Chair in Peace Studies, I'll remain an active and visible presence at both Pacific Forum and throughout the region.

As we look ahead, we will keep Joe Vasey's vision foremost in our minds, even as we continue to mourn his passing. The challenges in the Indo-Asia Pacific are many and the path toward peace is not guaranteed—but you can count on the Pacific Forum to lead the way thanks to your support. With thanks,

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Ralph Cossa

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We fondly remember our loyal, longtime board members who passed in 2017:

**Hyun Hong-Choo** – Hyun Hong Choo passed away in Seoul at the age of 76. The former South Korean Ambassador to the United States was widely known and respected for his contributions to international diplomacy, politics, law, and government.

**Alfonso Yuchengco –** Alfonso Yuchengco passed away in the Philippines at the age of 94. He was Chairman of the Yuchengco Group of Companies and had been the Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations. He also served as Philippine Ambassador to Japan and China, among other diplomatic assignments. Al was a generous philanthropist, whose many gifts included the establishment of a Yuchengco Fellowship Program for young Filipino researchers to participate in Pacific Forum conferences and dialogues.

We mourn the passing of both Ambassadors Hyun and Yuchengco. We are forever grateful for their lifetimes of service to the cause of world peace.

# **FINANCIALS**

	Projected FY2018	Actual FY2017	Actual FY2016
Balance from Prior Year	489,323	441,920	691,733
Fiscal Year Revenue	2,705,267	3,057,425	2,401,687
Total Revenue	3,194,590	3,499,345	3,093,420
• (Balance carried forward)		(489,323)	(441,920)
Funds Available	3,194,590	3,010,022	2,651,500
Expenditures	3,153,256	2,801,215	2,651,500
<ul><li>Transfer to Endowment</li><li>Net Surplus/Deficit</li></ul>	- 41,334	- 208,807	-
Foundations/Institutions	35%	37%	36%
Corporations/Individuals	3%	3%	6%
U.S. Government	55%	52%	49%
Foreign Governments	0%	3%	4%
CSIS Allocations	1%	1%	1%
Endowment Income	5%	4%	4%
Breakdown of Expenses	3,153,256	2,801,215	2,651,500
Salaries	721,141	705,264	744,638
Fringe Benefits	150,948	147,683	158,263
Rent	80,615	78,718	90,913
<ul> <li>Travel/Conferences</li> </ul>	1,593,383	1,016,150	1,149,717
<ul> <li>Other Expenses</li> </ul>	336,762	626,351	284,566
• To CSIS (10%)	270,407	227,049	223,403

# **ENDOWMENTS**

	Corpus	Draw
Kelly Fellows	\$2,038,229	\$63,395
Vasey Fellow	\$1,506,591	\$47,562
Young Leaders/Scowcroft Chair	\$569,079	\$15,111
Total (since 2002)	\$4,113,899 ========	\$126,066

## **REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

The Pacific Forum is guided by the belief that bilateral and multilateral solutions to regional problems are one of the most effective ways to promote enduring peace and stability in the Asia Pacific. To this end, we bring together current and former government officials, retired military leaders, influential business people, next-generation experts, and other thought leaders to off-the-record dialogues and security cooperation meetings. At these gatherings, held throughout the US and Asia, we:

- Identify trends
- Build greater understanding of national policies
- Prioritize action to reduce tensions
- Promote peaceful solutions
- Accelerate development of cooperative policies to address common security concerns
- Develop norms and standards for cooperative interaction
- Promote compliance with international treaties and conventions
- Emphasize the enduring principles of good governance, transparency, and accountability.

Informed by our face-to-face interactions, we pursue policy-relevant research and share our insights and analysis through community events, briefings to government leaders, and publications.

We also recognize that it is vital to have the next generation in the room and at the table. Our suite of next-generation initiatives provides opportunities for young experts and foreign policy leaders to engage in policy-relevant exchanges, distinguishing the Pacific Forum from other organizations. Our programs, highlighted in depth on page 19 provide unparalleled, ongoing access to decision makers and peers, ensuring that fresh voices and perspectives contribute to the regional security discourse.

Ultimately, our objective in each endeavor is to enhance trust and understanding by promoting sustainable cooperative solutions to common security challenges as a means to prevent or mitigate conflict. Although much of our work centers on promoting peaceful relations between and among states, we recognize that other factors, including the well-being of all segments of society within individual states and the sustainability of natural resources, play important roles in the

maintenance of a safe, peaceful, and secure Indo-Asia-Pacific region. In other words, while traditional security concerns dominate our work, we remain sensitive to and ever ready to engage with new and emerging non-traditional security challenges.

In 2017, the Pacific Forum continued its engagement with organizations and individuals from Myanmar to promote better understanding of security perspectives and to facilitate integration of Myanmar into the broader Asian security architecture. Working with the Myanmar Institute for Strategic and International Studies, the focus has been on engaging retired military officers to understand the role of the Myanmar military in the transition to democracy and engaging various ministries to monitor progress on implementing nonproliferation obligations associated with key UN Treaties and Security Council resolutions.



Participants at the Myanmar-US Retired Military-to-Military Dialogue

The yearly Myanmar-US Retired Military-to-Military Dialogue was held in Yangon in February. Myanmar participants argued that the past, present, and continued importance of the Tatmadaw in maintaining stability (until things are better and they can relinquish control) is an important narrative that the US must acknowledge, regardless of whether it agrees with the role the military plays in controlling key ministries and the Myanmar legislature. US participants made it clear that the new administration in Washington would take very seriously any revelations regarding a military relationship between the DPRK and Myanmar. Such revelations would likely cause a halt to any current cooperation and a reversal of progress in the US-Myanmar relationship. Delegates noted that the ongoing nature of this dialogue and the relationships developed among the participants has resulted in greater frankness, openness, and deeper conversations.



Photo of the Fifth US-Myanmar Nonproliferation Dialogue

The Pacific Forum has had a steadfast commitment to working with Myanmar to facilitate its integration into the international community. The fifth US-Myanmar Nonproliferation Dialogue, held at the end of November in Nay Pyi Taw, confirmed that Myanmar has achieved many successes in implementing its nonproliferation obligations since its opening in 2011 and is rightly called a "nonproliferation success story." While great progress in ratifying key nonproliferation treaties and protocols has been made over the past years, the current challenge is implementing these instruments in a way that ensures Myanmar's obligations are met. Pacific Forum also hosted a strategic trade controls seminar to help Myanmar officials and subject matter experts improve their knowledge of STC program requirements including the establishment of a legal framework, control lists, and detection and enforcement mechanisms.

In 2017, we also continued engaging with North Koreans at conferences throughout the region. Senior and junior researchers from the DPRK Institute for Disarmament and Peace attended the CSCAP Nonproliferation and Disarmament Study Group in Auckland, where they participated in a question-and-answer session with Young Leaders. Pacific Forum has also sponsored DPRK participation at the Asia Pacific Roundtable in Kuala Lumpur and at the CSCAP General Conference in Chiang Mai. In both cases, Pacific Forum engaged the researchers in side-bar conversation to better understand DPRK intentions and to emphasize the importance of nonproliferation. The Pacific Forum remains one of a very small group of American institutes that maintains steady contact and interaction with scholars and officials from North Korea.

# STRATEGIC STABILITY

Our efforts to promote Strategic Stability in the region rest on two key pillars: Deterrence and Reassurance.

Our Deterrence work is centered on the China-US Dialogue on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics. After a one-year hiatus due to scheduling conflicts, we resumed this important dialogue series that provides an important backdrop for US efforts to promote a better understanding of intentions to ensure a strategic balance with China is maintained. To that end, Pacific Forum convened two meetings: one in Washington and the other in Beijing.

At the Washington meeting in March, US and Chinese participants expressed some optimism about the state of the two countries' relations, noting that progress has been made in military-tomilitary relations and that there are additional opportunities for future cooperation in other areas. However, attendees expressed significant uncertainty about the potential impact of increased competitive pressures in the coming years given the anticipated activity in the areas of nuclear modernization and missile defense.

The Beijing meeting in August was largely positive and a spirit of cooperation prevailed throughout the talks. While a precise definition of "strategic stability" remains elusive, the term can serve as an operating principle for understanding the bilateral nuclear relationship. Both delegations generally agreed on assessments of North Korean nuclear missiles and capabilities, but differed on North Korea's rationale for developing them and its doctrine for using them. A growing willingness to engage in a discussion on contingency response planning for a nuclear incident or accident on the Korean Peninsula is an encouraging development.

Our Reassurance efforts focus on affirming US commitments to our alliance partners, Japan and South Korea. Bilaterally, we convened the Northeast Asia History Meeting, a one-day discussion on June 23 in Honolulu with participants from the US and ROK. Participants probed deeply into the internal dynamics and security perspectives of the other country, with the goal of improving the bilateral relationship.



Senior participants at the US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue

We also hosted our fourth US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue on Maui, which brings our Northeast Asian alliance partners to the table to exchange views on regional security and to examine opportunities for trilateral cooperation. Despite changes in administration in the US and South Korea that have caused some anxiety, there is confidence in the sustainability and direction of both alliances and trilateral security cooperation. A two-move tabletop exercise was conducted to address the threat of nuclear blackmail by Pyongyang.

The Young Leaders Program conducted the fourth iteration of its exclusive Northeast Asia Regional Young Leaders Security Seminar in Seoul on Nov. 27-28. This meeting is explained in greater detail on page 23.

## SECURITY COOPERATION

The Pacific Forum assesses and promotes security cooperation in the Indo-Asia Pacific on many fronts: nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, nuclear security, maritime security, counter-terrorism and transnational crime, cyber security, and preventive diplomacy. The cornerstone of many of these efforts is our involvement in the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP). The network of officials, media, military, and academic representatives that comprise the membership of CSCAP provides Pacific Forum with an opportunity to influence attitudes and debates in the region on a range of foreign policy issues.

The annual USCSCAP Meeting was held in Washington at the end of August. Pacific Forum provided an update on CSCAP Study Group activity in the areas of nonproliferation, peacekeeping, and maritime security. Representatives from the US State Department and US Defense Department provided updates on ASEAN Regional Forum activities and ASEAN Defense Minister Meeting Plus activities, respectively.

Study Groups and supporting expert groups serve as the primary forums for CSCAP's research efforts that focus on providing policy recommendations intended to promote regional security cooperation. Representatives from CSCAP member committees meet semiannually for a Steering Committee Meeting to review study group activity and consider recommendations for new study group initiatives. USCSCAP representatives participated in several CSCAP Study Groups and related ASEAN Regional Forum Workshops related to peacekeeping, preventive diplomacy, maritime security, and countering transnational crime and terrorism.

#### Nonproliferation and Disarmament



The CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament met in Auckland

Pacific Forum as the USCSCAP member committee and CSCAP Vietnam are the co-chairs of the CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific, which met twice in 2017. Participants at the March meeting, held in Auckland, acknowledged that the prospect of denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula was not promising, with no clear path forward. Participants also expressed a great deal of anxiety and uncertainty regarding future US policy, noting that the longstanding US leadership on non-proliferation and disarmament issues is critical to global progress.

The Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam in Hanoi hosted the second meeting of the group in October. Activities included a report from the Nuclear Energy Experts Group on recent developments related to nuclear technology and nuclear security in Asia, a review of activity related to UN sanctions against North Korea, and a status review of the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) in Asia.

#### Nuclear Security

Pacific Forum and the S. Rajaratnam School for International Studies are the primary organizers of the CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG), which met in Singapore for its sixth meeting in February. The group of nuclear energy specialists, nuclear security policy experts, and six Pacific Forum Young Leaders noted that nuclear power development in the region is uneven. China and India have flourishing programs that stand in sharp contrast to those of their neighbors. Vietnam's decision to suspend its nuclear power plant project because of rising costs, lower power demand projections, and a need to further develop human resources and infrastructure may influence other states to delay embarking on their own such projects. Russia is increasingly reaching out to provide nuclear assistance throughout the region, signing nuclear cooperation agreements with Cambodia, Myanmar, and Laos.

#### Cybersecurity

Pacific Forum was the primary organizer of CSCAP's April Workshop on Cybersecurity in the Asia-Pacific in Semarang, Indonesia. The group began the process of developing policy recommendations for implementing the measures outlined in the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Work Plan on Security of and in the Use of Information and Communications Technologies that was adopted at the 22nd ARF Ministerial Meeting.

#### Strategic Trade Controls

A key component of Pacific Forum's nonproliferation efforts continues to be hosting workshops on strategic trade controls, bringing together representatives from government agencies, the private sector, academia, and think tanks. In January, Pacific Forum participated in a Focus Group on Strategic Trade Controls in the Asia Pacific in Hong Kong. The meeting primarily focused on an examination of nonproliferation and STC-related assistance programs that have been developed by the United States, the European Union, and Japan. The group also examined evaluation mechanisms that can be used to assess STC program effectiveness.

Pacific Forum and Chengchi University's Institute for International Studies co-hosted the seventh annual Taipei Strategic Trade Control Workshop in December. This workshop has evolved into the region's premier venue for government officials and policy experts to examine emerging issues in strategic trade controls. Participants came from all the major policy centers including the Center for Nonproliferation Studies in the US, King's College in the UK, the University of Liege in France, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute in Sweden, and the Center for Information on Security Trade Controls in Japan. The special focus for this year's workshop was proliferation financing. Other topics addressed included application of controls on technology transfers, the relationship between trade controls and sanctions, and outreach to industry.



# NEXT GENERATION PROGRAMS

The Pacific Forum is committed to engaging the next generation of leaders in Hawaii, the US mainland, and throughout the region and beyond. For nearly 20 years, we have enriched the careers of young security specialists by engaging them in the practical aspects of policy-making: from attendance at senior-level dialogues, to publishing opportunities, to in-residence research fellowships that provide these scholars with the opportunity to research a specific area in depth.

# YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

Established in 2004, the Young Leaders Program is a global community of emerging experts and is widely considered one of the preeminent career development programs in the world. The program has helped more than 1,000 Young Leaders from 60 countries realize their full potential through mentorship, network building, academic opportunities, and the opportunity to apply for seats made available at Pacific Forum conferences and dialogues. In 2017, Pacific Forum offered 200 seats to Young Leaders at 20 Track 1.5 and Track 2 dialogues, seminars, and conferences in 16 cities. Of those selected, 76 were female (38 percent) and 124 were male (62 percent). These percentages reflect the ratio of females to males who applied for conferences (36 percent female, 64 percent male). Participants represented 20 countries around the world.

Highlights included the fourth iteration of our Northeast Asia Regional Young Leaders Security Seminar which was made possible through the generous support of the SK Networks Co. Ltd. Participants from the US, ROK, Japan, and China engaged in a tabletop exercise that presented

a hypothetical crisis on the Korean Peninsula. During the seminar, Marc Knapper, Chargé d'Affaires at the US Embassy in Seoul, gave off-the-record remarks and engaged in a Q&A with the Young Leaders to sharpen their understanding of the current security situation and provide a current perspective on policy challenges.



Young Leaders also participated in the CSCAP Nonproliferation and Disarmament Study Group in Auckland, where 19 Young Leaders met with two junior researchers and one senior official from the North Korean delegation for lunch and an off-the-record discussion. Young Leaders had the opportunity to engage in a candid Q&A with their DPRK counterparts. Young Leaders also interacted with the DPRK delegation between sessions and during meals, where they discussed reunification, careers, their favorite basketball stars, and many other topics.

Twenty Young Leaders attended the Asia-Pacific Roundtable sponsored by the Institute for Strategic and International Studies Malaysia and the ASEAN Institutes for Strategic and International Studies. A senior participant reminisced from the podium about attending this same conference for the first time many years ago as a Young Leader.



Beyond conferences, the Young Leaders Program offers value to its members by partnering with other organizations, allowing for expanded opportunities. In return, partner organizations are given access to a professionally and geographically diverse group of rising young leaders who can represent the next generation at their meetings. In 2017, the Young Leaders Program began one such partnership with the Center for Global Security Research at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. CGSR has since invited Young Leaders to join four of their senior-level workshops.

Young Leaders were also invited to conferences hosted by leading foreign affairs groups throughout the world, including the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, the Korea Society, the Japan Institute of International Affairs, and the Japan Center for Economic Research, the Institute for Strategic and International Studies Malaysia, and the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

In addition to these meetings, Young Leader Alumni Chapters, run by volunteers, arranged networking meetings and roundtables in their own cities. Examples of activities include:

 The Singapore chapter held eight events, including talks with prominent speakers and happy hours.



- Washington-based Young Leaders had quarterly socials, including one with Ralph Cossa.
- Both Seoul- and Beijing-based program alumni met with Ralph Cossa for a happy hour in August.
- The Honolulu program held three socials for local Young Leaders in collaboration with other local Asia-Pacific affairs organizations.

# **FELLOWSHIPS**

In 2002, Pacific Forum began our next-generation efforts with a single Vasey Fellowship for young scholars working on East Asian issues. Over the next 16 years, Pacific Forum created several additional fellowships and has hosted over 100 resident fellows from 21 countries world-wide.

## Vasey Fellowship

The Pacific Forum's original fellowship, now well into its second decade, is named after founder RADM (USN, Ret.) Lloyd R. "Joe" Vasey and his wife Lilian. The endowment-supported fellowship affords promising young Asian scholars the opportunity to serve as researchers at the Pacific Forum and to develop hands-on expertise in US-Asia policy issues.



Sinclaire PROWSE (AUS; 2016-2017) is an Operations Lead at Bayes Impact in San Francisco. She is a graduate of the US Studies Centre's Master's Degree Programme, where she concentrated on US Foreign Policy and spent a winter interning in Congress. Her research and writing focus on security challenges and threat perception in the Asia-Pacific region, with a focus on the US, Taiwan, and China. She has worked at the Lowy Institute

for International Policy, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and in Australian federal politics.



a PhD in International Relations and specializes in the study of offshore territorial and maritime entitlement disputes. Broadly, he is also interested in, and has written articles and research monographs on, US Asia Policy, the US-Japan Alliance, Japan-ASEAN relations, and Philippine politics and foreign policy. He has published in The National Interest, International Studies Review (ISR), PacNet, The Diplomatic Courier, East Asia Forum, and

Jeffrey ORDANIEL (PHL; 2016-2018) is the current Vasey Fellow. He holds

The Strategist.



**Yeseul WOO (ROK; 2017)** holds a Master's degree in Policy Studies from Korea University, where her thesis focused on the role and influence of intellectuals and think tanks in policy decision-making in China. Currently, her research focuses on soft power and refugee issues as they relate to North Korea. Yeseul previously worked as a journalist for National Assembly Television in South Korea and has volunteered with the New York City

Metropolitan Museum of Art, World of Charming Colors in Uzbekistan, and Future Forest in China. Yeseul has also worked with refugees in Thailand and Egypt. She was a 2016 East-West Center Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellow.

#### James A. Kelly Korean Studies Fellowship

The Kelly Fellowship Program consolidates, enhances, institutionalizes, and builds upon our Korea-oriented programs. Kelly Fellows focus on Korean Peninsula studies through participation in the Young Leaders program as Non-Resident Fellows and through in-residence research at the Pacific Forum as Resident Fellows. The fellowship recognizes the exemplary efforts of former Assistant Secretary of State and Pacific Forum President Emeritus Jim Kelly to improve US-ROK relations and encourage the DPRK to denuclearize and join the international community. The program encourages the study of Korean economic and security issues with particular focus on raising awareness among the next generation of scholars and officials in the US, ROK, and worldwide about the vital role the Korean Peninsula plays in regional and international affairs.



**Min Jung LEE (ROK; 2016-2018)** studied political science at Johns Hopkins University's Zanvyl Krieger School in Washington, DC and earned a BA in International Politics from George Washington's Elliott School of International Affairs. She has been an active Emerging Leader since 2012 and is interested in international security affairs with a focus on Northeast Asia. She worked at the Korea Institute of International Economic Policy and at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea at the United Nations in New York. As a

resident Kelly fellow, she is researching the role of the private sector in Myanmar's democratization.



Hannah FALVEY (USA; 2017) was a resident Kelly Fellow. She is an Asian Studies Master's Candidate in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, where she is chief of staff for the Georgetown Graduate Student Government. She holds a B.A. in International Relations from Mount Holyoke College. Previously, Hannah worked as an Immigration Paralegal at Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP. She worked as an intern at the Fulbright Commission in Belgium and at the US

Embassy in Perú.



Lami KIM (ROK; 2018) is a James A. Kelly Korea Fellow and an associate at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard Kennedy School, where she was a predoctoral fellow during the 2016-17 academic year. She is completing her PhD dissertation at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University on the multilateral nuclear export control regime. Lami's research interests include the intersection between civilian and military uses of nuclear energy, nonproliferation regimes, nuclear

proliferation in East Asia and the Middle East, and political and security issues in the Korean Peninsula. She holds a Master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University.

### Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security Fellowship

The Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security Fellowship offers young professionals the chance to conduct research and analysis in the area of nonproliferation, nuclear security, and other related topics and present research results at conferences and workshops. The program provides fellows an opportunity to develop and manage programs, participate in conferences, and interact with officials and experts in the US, Asia, and beyond.



**Federica DALL'ARCHE (ITA; 2016-2017)** graduated Summa Cum Laude in Political Science at the University of Roma Tre, Italy, winning a full merit scholarship for an exchange program at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. Federica obtained her Master's degree in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies and a Certificate in Conflict Resolution from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS), California and won a prize for the best paper on Human Trafficking. She has interned at the Asia-

Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) and held a Fellowship as United Nations Security

Council Monitor at PeaceWomen. Federica has also worked as a Graduate Research Assistant at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation, at the William Tell Coleman Library, and as a freelance collaborator for the online magazine *Geopolitica.info*.



Hyuk KIM (ROK; 2016-2017) has been a guest researcher at the Dual-use and Arms Trade Control Programme of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and research assistant at Export Control and Nonproliferation Program of the James Martin Center for Non-proliferation Studies. Previously, he was an international trader at Daewoo International Corporation. His research interests cover nonproliferation issues in East Asia, export controls, sanctions, and trade data analysis. Hyuk holds a MA

in Non-proliferation and Terrorism Studies, a BS in Nuclear Engineering, and University Diploma in International Nuclear Law.



Nay Yan OO (MMR, 2016-2018) is a resident fellow at Pacific Forum. He previously worked for Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Yangon and the Center for Burma Studies at Northern Illinois University. A Myanmar analyst, his research interests include Myanmar politics, democratization, civil-military relations, election and political parties, and nonproliferation and disarmament. His writing has appeared in *The Nikkei Asian Review, Asia Times*, Lowy Institute's *Interpreter, PacNet*, and *The Myanmar Times*,

among others. He received his M.A. in Political Science from Northern Illinois University.



Kyaw Si Thu (MMR; 2017-2018) received his BA (Hons) in English in 2011 and an MA in English in 2014 at Magway University, Myanmar. He has been a government staff officer at the Department of Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar since August 2016. His responsibilities are to arrange meetings, review recommendation letters, Memoranda of Understanding (MoU), Memoranda of Agreement, and Contract. His research interests center on the trade sector.



Phone Myint Naing (MMR; 2017-2018) received his MA in 2015 in English, specializing in language acquisition in the psycholinguistics field. In 2016 he received his Diploma in Political Science, focusing on the rule of law and political thought at the University of Mandalay. He participated in the Program of Institute of Politics and Civics Engagement and Psychosocial Support Training in 2015. He was a tutor with the Department of English at Mandalay University of Distance Education. Phone was selected as a staff officer to serve

at the Department of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar since August 2016. His responsibilities are to assist policy makers in formulating trade policy contributing to trade facilitation and liberalization, and enforcing trade policy effectively on internal and external trade. His research interests are on applying international standards to Myanmar politics and economics affairs.

#### WSD-Handa Fellowship

Through the generosity of the Worldwide Support for Development and Dr. Handa Haruhisa, the Pacific Forum operates the WSD-Handa Fellowship Program. This fellowship allows resident and non-resident fellows from the Asia Pacific, North America, and Europe to participate in our programs. WSD-Handa Fellows are also invited to participate in exclusive "Handa Forum" activities.



**FAN Minghao (PRC; 2017)** graduated from Sichuan University in Chengdu, China, majoring in International Accounting. During his junior year, he worked as an intern in the Bertelsmann Foundation North America Office for two months, helping with its research on China. He also assisted with the organization of the fourth Annual Bertelsmann Foundation Financial Conference. After graduation, he spent three years working for three different companies, including Lenovo Co. Ltd. and two start-up companies related to

the internet industry, focusing on marketing and operational work. His current research interest is in the development of the internet industry in East Asia.



Edward SCHWARCK (UK; 2017) was a Research Fellow in Asia Studies at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), a defense and security think tank in the UK. Edward's interests include regional security in the Asia-Pacific, Chinese foreign and security policy, and elite-level politics. He lived in the People's Republic of China for more than three years, including one year in Xinjiang, and speaks Mandarin fluently. He has published in academic journals – most recently on UK-China cooperation on noncombatant evacuation operations – and has delivered oral testimony to the

UK Parliament on Britain's Asia-Pacific security policy.



**NGUYEN Dinh Sach (VNM; 2017)** is a research fellow at the Institute for Foreign Policy and Strategic Studies (IFPSS), Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. He earned his bachelor's degree in international relations from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam in 2010. He then joined the IFPSS and worked as a researcher until 2014. He participated in a number of research projects about Vietnam's international integration and Vietnamese foreign policy. In 2014, he was awarded the ADB development scholarship to do a

master's degree in public policy at the Australian National University. After his graduation, he returned to the IFPSS and is working in the fields of Vietnam international integration and non-traditional security issues.



Andray ABRAHAMIAN (US/UK; 2017-2018) is an adjunct fellow at Griffith Asia Institute. He is senior advisor to Choson Exchange, a non-profit that trains North Koreans in economic policy and entrepreneurship. He was previously an executive there and has conducted research on Myanmar for Exera, a risk-management company. Andray publishes extensively and offers expert commentary on Korea and Myanmar, including for US News, *Reuters, the New York Times, Washington Post, Lowy Interpreter* and 38

*North.* He recently published a book comparing Myanmar and North Korea. He has a PhD in International Relations from the University of Ulsan, South Korea.

#### **Korea Foundation Fellowship**

In partnership with the Seoul-based Korea Foundation, the Pacific Forum launched its newest fellowship in 2014. The Korea Foundation Fellowship is exclusively for Korean nationals and is designed to assist graduate and Ph.D. students in obtaining research and professional experience at the Pacific Forum. One fellow is selected from a competitive applicant pool to research in-residence for six months.



**Dae Kwon SON (ROK; 2017)** is a PhD candidate in International Relations at Peking University, China, where he received his MA. He received his BA in Sociology and International Studies from Korea University in South Korea. His research interests include Sino-US Relations, nuclear extended deterrence, ballistic missile defense, and nuclear proliferation with a special focus on the East Asian region.

## **INTERNSHIPS**

Pacific Forum offers select undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to gain practical experience working in a think tank. Internships are offered across the organization, including in development, marketing, and programs.



**Se Jeong CHOI (2018)** is a Master's Candidate at Yonsei University's Graduate School of International Studies, concentrating on the fields of international development cooperation and international trade and economic development. Prior to her graduate studies at Yonsei GSIS, Choi received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/International Relations from University of California, San Diego (UCSD). She also worked as a research assistant in the field of international security under

Professor Chung Min Lee, and interned at CityNet Secretariat, Hope to the Future Association, and a California State Senator's Office. Her current research interests include energy cooperation, Asia-Pacific development cooperation, and community cultural development.



**Denzel JOHNSON (2017-2018)** is pursuing an MA in International Affairs from the American University School of International Service. He is formerly a congressional intern for US Senator Mazie Hirono in Washington and Hawaii State Representative Lauren Matsumoto in Honolulu. He is an experienced professional with skills in leadership, organization, communication, research analysis, and public speaking. He graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with a BA in Political Science in 2017.



**Diana Le Lint (2017-2018)** joined Pacific Forum as a research intern in her final semester at the University of Hawaii. She previously served as an Asia-Pacific cryptologic linguist in the US Marine Corps and as an analyst for counterterrorism operations in South Asia. Prior to her military service, she studied at Pennsylvania State University and interned at the *Military Times*. Diana holds an associate degree in Thai from the Defense Language Institute and studied Arabic at the Middlebury Language Schools. She is

interested in furthering her knowledge of South Asia and her foreign language skills. She aspires to work as an analyst in the Department of Defense or Department of State.



Jacob MERKLE (2017) is a senior double majoring in International Relations and Politics at Pomona College. Jacob has developed his summer research work at Pacific Forum into an International Relations senior thesis about China's economic leveraging across security disputes in the South China Sea and East China Sea. Jacob also recently took the LSAT and publicly presented his Politics senior exercise on the topic of

Meaning Making. Jacob plans to pursue his passions for international security research, politics, and civil rights, and his goal is to later attend law school.



Adam MORROW (2017) graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with Bachelors' degrees in Japanese language and Asian Studies, as well as a minor in economics. For two years, he taught 7th & 8th grade science at Holy Family Catholic Academy on O'ahu. Prior to teaching, he completed an internship with the interpretation division of Haleakalā National Park on the island of Maui. Adam intends to pursue a graduate degree in international affairs with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. In particular, he is interested in energy and environmental policy as well as

the security implications of global climate change.



Kyle Dominic TA-AY (2017) is currently a senior student at the Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City, Philippines completing his BA in Diplomacy and International Relations with specialization in East and Southeast Asian Studies. At Pacific Forum, he provided assistance on *Comparative Connections*. His interests include foreign languages, international politics, security, humanitarian and development work. Kyle plans to pursue further studies in the United States.



**Miranda TAFOYA (2017)** is pursuing a BSFS (Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service) in "Culture and Politics" with a Spanish minor at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. On Georgetown's campus, she is President of the GU Hawai'i Club and a member of Delta Phi Epsilon Professional Foreign Service Sorority. Miranda is currently writing her senior honors thesis on how the struggle for food sovereignty, particularly through taro farming, is an avenue for Native Hawaiians to revitalize their culture and improve their health. Her

academic interests include environmental justice, educational inequality, soft power, intercultural understanding, and indigenous rights. She is excited to graduate in May 2018 and looks forward to what lies ahead.

## Vasey Fellows – 30; Countries – 10

<u>2002</u> Yumiko Nakagawa, Japan

2003 Kazuko Hamada, Japan

## <u>2004</u>

Ah-Young Kim, ROK Ronald Rodriguez, Philippines Lena Gan, Singapore (2004-2005)

### <u>2005</u>

Hyun Jung Jo Choi, Singapore, ROK Claire Bai, PRC (2005-2006)

## <u>2006</u>

Qinghong Wang, PRC (2006-2007) Junbeom Pyon, ROK (2006-2007)

## <u>2007</u>

Yuka Tsukagoshi, Japan Jiyon Shin, ROK (2007-2008) Tomoko Tsunoda, Japan (2007-2008)

## <u>2008</u>

Shanshan Mei, PRC Shiuan-ju Chen, Taiwan

## <u>2009</u>

Young-Jin Yang, ROK Nadya Larsen, Russia Trang Thuy Pham, Vietnam Kei Koga, Japan (2009-2010)

## <u>2010</u>

Fergus Hanson, Australia (2010-2011) Luxi Zhou, PRC (2010-2011)

## <u>2011</u>

Danielle Chub, Australia (2011-2012) Yang Yi, PRC (2011-2012)

### <u>2012</u>

Yujing Shentu, PRC (2012-2013) Ryo Hinata-Yamaguchi, Japan (2012-2013) 2013 Nanae Yamashiro, Japan (2013-2014)

## <u>2014</u>

Guanpei Ming, PRC (2014-2015)

### <u>2015</u>

Maile Plan, US (2015-2016)

### <u>2016</u>

Jeffrey Ordaniel, Philippines (2016-2017) Sinclaire Prowse, Australia (2016-2017)

## <u>2017</u>

Yeseul Woo, ROK

## <u>2018</u>

Jeffrey Ordaniel, Philippines (2016-2018)
### WSD-Handa Fellows – 33; Countries – 14

### <u>2011</u>

Gaoyue Fan, PRC Christina Failma, US Matthew Anderson, US Eleni Ekmektsioglou, Greece Fitria Lestari Saberi, Malaysia Siti Noradilah Sabudin, Malaysia Eric Sayers, US/Canada Ta Minh Tuan, Vietnam

#### 2012

Nicole Forrester, Australia Gintare Janulaityte, Lithuania Maggie Yuan Ma, PRC John Hemmings, UK Billy Tea, US (2012-2013) Gauri Kandekar, India (2012-2013)

#### <u>2013</u>

Cristin Shiffer Orr, US Erin Hoshibata, US (2013-2014) Liang Wei, PRC Yanhong Xu, PRC Peter Yemc, US

2014 Yujie Yang, PRC Virginia Marantidou, Greece John Warden, US

### 2015

Moustafa Hisham Badr, Egypt Zhang Bo, PRC Jessica Lee, US Adam Greer, US

### 2016

Brian Moore, US Federica Dall'Arche, Italy (2016-2017)

#### 2017

Edward Schwarck, UK Minghao Fan, PRC

#### <u>2018</u>

Nguyen Dinh Sach, VNM Andray Abrahamian, US/UK (2017-2018)

### Kelly Fellows – 24; Countries – 4

#### <u>2009</u>

Young Jin Yang, ROK Dayea Diana Park, US (2009-2010)

### <u>2010</u>

Kevin Shephard, US Adrian Yee, US Cornelis Oudenaarden, Netherlands (2010-2011)

### <u>2011</u>

Sungmin Cho, ROK Dong-Joon Park, ROK (2011-2012) Kyu-toi Moon, ROK (2011-2012)

### <u>2012</u>

Van Jackson, US Ki Suh Jung, US (2012-2013) Petra Dunne, Croatia/US (2012-2013)

### <u>2013</u>

Stephanie Kang, US (2013-2014) Sunna An, ROK Seongho Hong, ROK

### <u>2014</u>

Julia Cunico, US Stephanie Kang, US

### <u>2015</u>

Kelly Wadsworth, US Nahee Kim, ROK Woojin Lee, ROK (2015-2016) Yoonjae Lee, ROK

### <u>2016</u>

Min Jung Lee, ROK (2016-2018) Hyuk Kim, ROK (2016-2017)

### <u>2017</u>

Hannah Falvey, US

### <u>2018</u>

Lami Kim, ROK

### Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellows – 12

#### <u>2011</u> Masamichi Minehata, Japan Eric Sayers, US

### <u>2012</u>

Mihoko Matsubara, Japan Justin Goldman, US Jenny Lin, US Hideshi Futori, Japan

### <u>2013</u>

Aiko Shimizu, Japan Candice Sachi Gerbin, US

### <u>2014</u>

James Platte, US (2014-2015) Tomoko Kiyota (2014-2015)

### <u>2015</u>

Crystal Pryor, US (2015-2016) Akira Igata, Japan (2015-2016)

### Nuclear Policy Fellows – 8

### <u>2016</u>

Naing Win, Myanmar Aung Ko Min, Myanmar Khin Ma Ma Myo, Myanmar

### <u>2017</u>

Hyuk Kim, ROK (2016-2017) Federica Dall'Arche, Italy (2016-2017) Nay Yan Oo, Myanmar (2016-2018) Kyaw Si Thu, Myanmar (2017-2018) Phone Myint Naing, Myanmar (2017-2018)

### Korea Foundation Fellows – 2

### <u>2014</u>

Eun Young Cho, ROK (2014-2015)

2017 Daekwon Son, ROK

### **Robertson Foundation for Government Fellows – 2**

### <u>2016</u>

Renato Barreda, US Jill Mahoney, US

# ENGAGING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY

Pacific Forum engages the Hawaii community with programs and events that promote dialogue and expand knowledge of the Asia Pacific. Students, young professionals, members of the military, educators, and executives convene through programs and forums that underscore the interconnectivity between Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific region.

# HAWAII ASIA-PACIFIC AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (APAL)

Now in its fifth iteration, the Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program (APAL) features the mentorship of 10 local students and young professionals through meetings and networking opportunities with regional experts from a diverse set of backgrounds. The program offers an



introduction to Asia-Pacific affairs and provides an opportunity to discuss regional issues from a multidisciplinary set of tools and perspectives. APAL scholars build upon their understanding of the region and assess how these issues affect Hawaii's community by weaving topics into their research interests, professions, and extracurricular initiatives.



The number of applications increased in 2017, as interest grew from local universities, business organizations, and alumni connections. After a competitive selection process, 10 APAL scholars from various backgrounds were selected to participate in the yearlong initiative. The cohort meets semi-monthly from September to June with a different regional expert guiding the topic of discussion at each meeting. In 2017,

APAL scholars met with distinguished speakers such as Ambassadors James and Lauren Moriarty, Dr. Chris Snedden from the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

(APCSS), and Disco Bennett, US Pacific Fleet Executive Director of Outreach and Government Affairs.

The topics explored included civilian-military relations, the ascendancy of China, climate change, peace and conflict resolution, the US-Taiwan relationship, and international education and trade, among many others.



Aside from the meetings, APAL scholars were very active and pursued off-site activities that included visits to the East-West Center, APCSS, Oceanit, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), Young Leader networking events, and volunteer opportunities with Malama Maunalua, a non-profit committed to conserving and restoring Maunalua Bay. The success of the APAL program is further underscored by the camaraderie established among its members as they experience a unique professional development program together.



Much of this program is made possible by the generosity of the Freeman Foundation, which has supported our efforts to develop local civically engaged scholars who are interested in learning about the Asia Pacific. This support has enabled APAL scholars to attend regional conferences and experience the opportunity to network with experts from around the world to discuss topical issues. In 2017, APAL scholars attended

The Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; the CSCAP General Conference

in Chiang Mai, Thailand; the CSCAP Study Group on Non-proliferation and Disarmament (NPD) in Auckland, New Zealand; the China-US Dialogue on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics in Washington, D.C.; and the US-Japan-ROK Extended Deterrence Trilateral Dialogue in Maui.

#### 2016 – 2017 APAL Program Cohort



**Dana L. Almodova** is program manager at Pacific Forum. He is pursuing a Master of Arts in Diplomacy and Military Studies at Hawaii Pacific University. He is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society. Dana holds a BA in Political Science with a specialization in international relations and public policy from the University of Hawaii. He was in the Regional Security Studies Intern Program at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, where he worked with faculty to administer course curriculum and co-lead seminars for security practitioners

from throughout the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. Dana has interned at the City and County of Honolulu, Office of the City Auditor, specializing in public transportation.



Andrew Channell is as an all-source intelligence analyst for the United States Army Pacific's Analysis Control Element where he is a member of the Southeast Asia regional team. He covers a variety of issues such as counterterrorism efforts in the region, and the political, military, economic, social, infrastructure, and information changes that occur daily. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Andrew graduated from Duquesne University with a B.A. in International Relations and Security Studies. He participated in a

model European Union sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh's European Union Center of Excellence in 2013, and was a board member for Duquesne University's International Relations Club from 2012-2014. Andrew seeks to become a commissioned officer in the US Army and continue to work within the Intelligence Community.



**Maureen Ditol**, a Senior Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton, has been supporting Department of Defense clients since 2012. She currently supports the U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT) Strategic Initiatives Group/Commander's Action Group and the PACFLT Outreach and Government Affairs Office. Previously, she supported Headquarters US Pacific Command (USPACOM) clients for three years as an operational training specialist, a strategic communication planner, and an information operations planner. She also

participates in the Booz Allen Workforce Leadership Council. Prior to joining Booz Allen, Maureen participated in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, living in Fukuoka for two years, teaching English in public junior high schools. Upon returning home, she served as secretary on the Hawaii JET Alumni Association executive board. A graduate of Moanalua High School, she attended Occidental College in Los Angeles and received a B.A. in Diplomacy and World Affairs.



**Elliot Joseph Fox** is a second-year student in the Master of Arts in Diplomacy and Military Studies program at Hawaii Pacific University. He focuses on military strategy, emerging military technologies, and space studies. Elliot graduated from Orion Academy in California and received a B.A. in History from San Francisco State University, where he studied diplomatic history and international relations theory.



James Hamada is a graduate of Pepperdine University in Los Angeles, receiving a B.A. in International Studies with a political specialization. Born and raised in Hawaii, he has experience at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Pacific Forum, Strategic Actions for a Just Economy in downtown Los Angeles, and the Hawaii State Chapter of the American Red Cross. His policy interests include multilateral cooperation

in the Asia-Pacific region, human rights actors, and community and international development.



Landess Kearns is the audience development editor for Civil Beat. She was a senior editor at *HuffPost Hawaii*, a partnership between *The Huffington Post* and *Honolulu Civil Beat*. At *HuffPost*, she wrote and edited articles on everything from dolphins to defense operations, as well as handling HuffPost Hawaii's social media platforms. Previously, Landess interned at *Pacific Business News* and the US Pacific Fleet. She holds a

Bachelor's degree in English Writing from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, where she also minored in American History, Computer Science, and Film Studies. Landess grew up in Honolulu and graduated from Punahou School.



**Molly Noelaniokekai Mamaril** is an assistant project manager for Pono Pacific and a Program Coordinator for Hawai'i Investment Ready. At Pono Pacific, she coordinates habitat restoration efforts and assists in writing projects. With Hawai'i Investment Ready, she works with social impact leaders to coordinate peer-to-peer learning workshops for local enterprises to enhance their social, cultural and environmental impact on the local economy. Molly also has previous marine resource

management at the State Department of Land and Natural Resources and 'āina-based education at the Waipā Foundation. Most recently, she has written for the *Diplomatic Courier*, *Kupu* and *Green* magazine. In 2014, Molly earned her M.S. from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa through the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management. Her B.S. is from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota in Journalism. Her dream job is to become an environmental journalist to encourage collective action, globally and locally, to ensure the longevity of 'āina momona (abundant lands) around the world.



**Andrea "Andi" McIntosh** is an analyst at Trinity Investments, LLC, a commercial real estate investment firm headquartered in Honolulu, with offices in New York City, New York and Tokyo, Japan. She assists in asset management activities related to the firm's existing portfolio, as well as investment due diligence and acquisitions execution. Prior to joining Trinity, she worked as the senior sales & program design coordinator with

Island Partners Hawai'i. She is also involved with Ho'ola Na Pua and Women's Fund of Hawai'i. Andi holds a B.A. in Psychology and in French, with a minor in Business from Cornell University. While at Cornell, she was a four-year member of the Women's Varsity Soccer team, an active brother of Pi Sigma Epsilon professional business fraternity, and served as the assistant treasurer for and a Standards Council Member of her sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma. She aspires to earn her MBA.



Adam Morrow is in his second year teaching 7th & 8th grade science at Holy Family Catholic Academy. He delivers instruction on biology, human anatomy and physiology, planetary science, volcanology, and Hawaiian ecology. During the summer, Adam also teaches a 9th grade religion course at 'Iolani School. Prior to teaching on O'ahu he completed an

internship with the interpretation division of Haleakalā National Park on the island of Maui. Adam graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa with bachelors' degrees in Japanese language and Asian Studies as well as a minor in economics. Throughout his undergraduate study he also served as a paddling coach at 'Iolani School. Adam was born and raised on the island of O'ahu and is a graduate of 'Iolani High School. He intends to pursue a graduate degree in international affairs with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. In particular, he is interested in energy and environmental policy as well as the security implications of global climate change.



**Kenton Nakamura** is a recent graduate of the University of Washington and a front office receptionist with Fukuji & Lum Physical Therapy Associates. Kenton served as the Asian Student Commission (ASC) director for the Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW) during the 2015-2016 academic year, representing over 30 Asianaffiliated registered student organizations and 8,000+ students on the

Seattle campus and in the greater Seattle community. In addition, he organized many different events to promote Asian awareness and culture, including the inaugural API Mental Health Summit, which was designed to inform students about mental health issues that disproportionately affect Asians and Pacific Islanders. Kenton graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Biology and a minor in ethics. He intends to pursue further education in international studies or public policy and is studying for the Foreign Service Officer Test.

#### 2017 – 2018 APAL Program Cohort



**Nathaniel Agnew** serves as a defense contractor. Previously, he was a counter-terrorism analyst for the 1st Special Forces Group in Okinawa, where he led exchanges with Asian countries. The Ft. Huachuca Army Intelligence Center of Excellence endorsed his doctrine developed for the exchanges. His efforts led to letters of recognition by the former Commander of the United States Army Special Operations Command, LTG Charles T. Cleveland, and MG Ahmed Shiyam, Chief of the Maldives Defense Force. Nathaniel is a

graduate of Clearfield High School in Utah. He is currently a sophomore at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), pursuing a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. He is a member of National Society of Leadership and Success, UMUC chapter. Nathaniel plans to become a senior analyst with the DoD and eventually transition to the Department of State as a strategic analyst or foreign service officer.



**Brent Bond** is an active-duty Captain in the Army and in his second year of the MA program in Diplomacy and Military Studies at Hawai'i Pacific University. Brent is focusing his graduate work on American security cooperation in Southeast Asia, and will remain in Hawai'i for his next assignment following graduation in 2018. He is the Diplomacy and Military Studies program Treasurer for the 2017-2018 academic year. Previously, Brent served with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division as a Cavalry Troop Commander

and with the 3rd Infantry Division as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer at the Company level. Brent graduated in 2009 from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, with a BS in Comparative Politics. Since 2010, Brent has deployed to the Middle East on three occasions, most recently in 2015 as a Build Partner Capacity advisor for the Iraqi Army. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, Ranger Tab, and Jumpmaster Qualification.



**Danicia Honda** is a recent graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where she was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She studied Chinese and English Language and Literature and completed her Chinese Flagship Capstone year in Nanjing, China. She interned at the Language Flagship Roadmap, and studied on academic scholarships at National Taiwan University with the International Chinese Language Program, Beijing Normal University with Princeton in Beijing, and Nanjing University with the

Chinese Language Flagship Program. She also interned at a corporate law firm headquartered in Nanjing working closely with their Mergers and Acquisitions team and utilized her language skills to connect a Chinese firm to a global society. Her next goal is to study law and education policy, and eventually shift her focus back to Hawai'i to give back to the place that helped her discover her roots.



**Alena Kangas** is a Senior Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton, and relocated with the firm from the Washington, DC area to Hawai'i in September 2016. She supports Department of Defense-wide efforts to become ready for financial audits. She also oversees her office's affinity groups related to serving the Hawai'i community and professional development. In her spare time, she volunteers for the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra. Prior to Booz Allen Hamilton, Alena worked for Accenture. While in the DC area, Alena connected

nonprofit organizations and companies to support Asian Pacific American business students and young professionals through mentorship, mock interviews, and panel discussions. Alena graduated from Towson University, located in Maryland, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. She is eager to build her knowledge of Asia-Pacific affairs so she can support her firm's developing efforts to grow business and establish partnerships in the region. As a new Hawai'i resident, she also hopes to develop perspective on Hawai'i's strategic location and political and economic offerings.



**Emily Latimer** is the State Communications Director for US Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. Emily manages public relations with Hawai'i media outlets, community organizations, advocacy groups, constituents, and other stakeholders. She recently returned home to Hawai'i after working for the congresswoman in Washington, DC, where she was responsible for public relations and office administration. During the 114th Congress, Emily was selected for the Stennis Center for Public Service's Emerging Congressional

Staff Leaders Program dedicated to promoting public service and enhancing leadership skills. Prior to working in Washington, DC, she worked for the YMCA in Christchurch, New Zealand. Emily is a graduate of St. Andrew's Priory School in Honolulu and holds a dual degree in Political Economy and International Relations from Tulane University in New Orleans. She currently sits on the Special Olympics Hawai'i Young Executives Board.



**Edward McAuliffe** is a Chinese Language Analyst working in the United States Air Force. As a member of the Air Force's cryptologic component, he is responsible for translating foreign-language communications and providing timely threat warnings to US forces, as well as performing long-term predictive analysis. Edward is pursuing a Bachelor's degree from Hawaii Pacific University, where he is majoring in International Studies with a concentration in International Relations and Security. Edward is originally from Boston, MA

and enlisted in the US Air Force in 2014. He holds Associate's degrees in Chinese Mandarin from the Defense Language Institute and in Intelligence Studies from the Community College of the Air Force. After completing his Bachelor's degree and enlistment, Edward hopes to remain in the military as a commissioned officer in the United States Air National Guard and begin a career as a political officer in the Foreign Service. Edward is particularly interested in the People's Republic of China, focusing on China's international development policy, cross-strait relations, and intellectual property law.



**Thuy N. Nguyen** is a second-year graduate student in the Diplomacy and Military Studies program at Hawai'i Pacific University. She is wrapping up her thesis on the impacts of the Cold War in the Third World through a dominoreaction of successful, secular national liberation movements. Previously, she worked at the Honolulu Museum of Art as a Visitor Information Associate and helped facilitate special events and film festivals for the Doris Duke Theater. Thuy holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Hawai'i with a focus

on international relations and foreign policy. She was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i and attended Sacred Hearts Academy. She intends to further her education and pursue a doctoral degree in International Studies with an emphasis on historical and cultural context.



**Katey Peck** is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. From 2014-2017, she was a program manager and research associate with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Global Health Policy Center, where she focused on reproductive, maternal, child, and adolescent health. During her time at CSIS, Katey planned and participated in overseas research delegations, co-authored reports, managed events and conferences, and staffed the 26-member Task Force on Women's and Family Health. Katey

holds a BA, summa cum laude, in health and societies, with a concentration in global health and

a minor in history. Her examination of the emergence of maternal health as a global development goal won the departmental award for best senior thesis. During her time as an undergraduate, Katey also worked at the Center for High Impact Philanthropy and spent a semester conducting independent research in Guatemala. Katey is interested in the nexus between health, development, and international relations, and is eager to deepen her exposure to the major foreign policy issues in the Asia-Pacific. She hopes to pursue a Master's in Public Health at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa next year with a focus on health policy.



**Olivia Peterkin** is a reporter at Honolulu Civil Beat where she covers public health stories, as well as community issues and development in Kalihi and Waikiki. This past summer she interned as a general assignment reporter covering crime, business, and education for a USA Today paper in Tennessee. She graduated from the University of Missouri in May 2017 with dual degrees in journalism and international peace studies. During her studies, she covered religion and policy in Brazil and Belgium. Olivia

graduated from Farrington High School in Kalihi Valley where she grew up. Olivia plans to attend graduate school in the fall of 2018. She will pursue dual master's degree in multimedia journalism and public health to better cover the many issues and developments both in the US and abroad.



**Kalani Aukai Stephens** is in his last year at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa studying economics and Asian studies with an emphasis in East and Southeast Asia. Previously, he completed internships as a financial analyst, cultural ambassador, and business development intern in Japan, China, and South Korea. He also conducted funded research on Asian development and the economic impacts of climate change. During his undergrad, he received scholarships to study abroad in Shanghai, Asan, and Tokyo, where he gained

fluency in Mandarin Chinese and Korean. After finishing his undergraduate degree, Kalani hopes to continue his studies at the University of Hawai'i in either Asian studies or geography focusing on economic, political, and development geography in the Asia-Pacific. After graduate school, Kalani will work with development in the Asia-Pacific region, including Hawai'i, and eventually hopes to teach at home and abroad as a professor in geography while conducting research and consulting. Kalani is a graduate of Lahainaluna High School on Maui.

### SENIOR STAFF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Ralph Cossa, President** continued to serve as the primary US representative on the ASEAN Regional Forum Experts and Eminent Persons Group (ARF/EEPG). As such he attended the annual meeting in Canberra in March and also gave a presentation on preventive diplomacy measures. He also headed up a virtual working group looking at Cybersecurity Confidence Building Measures which will compile recommendations for actions to be taken by ARF members. The group, under his direction, reported out its findings at the EEPG meeting in Hanoi in March 2018. He participated in a number of events sponsored by the New York City-based National Committee on American Foreign Policy (NCAFP) speaking on both US-ROK relations and China-Taiwan Cross-Strait relations. He was also a member of an NCAFP Study Group that visited Taipei, Beijing, and Seoul in December. He wrote the report summarizing the group's findings. He spoke at numerous events in Honolulu, New York, Washington, and elsewhere, including several featured commentaries at the Korea Society in New York City. His editorial commentaries have been featured in the Japan Times, Korea's Joongang Ilbo, Asia Times, and South China Morning Post, among others and he has been quoted in numerous news reports, including in the New York Times and Washington Post, among others.

**Carl Baker, Executive Director** has shifted from director of programs to become our new executive director while continuing his external engagement in analyzing regional security issues and promoting security cooperation, focusing on preventive diplomacy and maritime security. He gave a presentation at an ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop on Preventive Diplomacy in Yangon on "Early Warning and Preventive Diplomacy" and at the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) General Conference in Chiang Mai on "The Evolving Role of ASEAN in Preventive Diplomacy." He also participated in several workshops on security cooperation in Southeast Asia, including one examining major power competition in the South China Sea cosponsored by Rajaratnam School of International Studies and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute and another sponsored by the University of Sydney on nuclear governance in Asia. Media engagement included several appearances on CNN, Deutche Welle, and France 24 following North Korean nuclear and missile tests. His analyses of security issues in the Asia-Pacific were also cited in numerous news outlets including *The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Christian Science Monitor, BBC Radio, CCTV News, Al Jazeera, The Hill, Forbes Asia, Voice of America, Reuters, Sputnik News, RIA Novosti, Asahi Shinmbun, Southeast Asia Globe,* 

Zing News Vietnam, VNExpress, Stars and Stripes, Marine Corps Times, Task and Purpose, and the Honolulu Star Advertiser.

**Dr. David Santoro, Director and Senior Fellow for Nuclear Policy** pursued his work on deterrence and strategic stability in Asia and Europe, and nonproliferation and nuclear security. He published several policy analyses on the North Korean nuclear crisis, US strategic relations with Russia and China, and the progress made by Myanmar on nonproliferation. Key publications over the past year include "The Case for Collective Security" (*The National Interest*) and Myanmar: A Nonproliferation Success Story" (*Australian Strategic Policy Institute*). David also conducted several consultancies and gave regular lectures in the United States, Asia, and Europe on a range of national-security issues, notably on nuclear policy.

**Dr. Crystal Pryor, Program Director and Research Fellow** joined Pacific Forum in her current role in October 2017. She was a Sasakawa Peace Foundation resident fellow from 2015-2016, returned to the University of Washington in 2016 to complete her doctorate, and held a postdoctoral fellowship in the US-Japan Program at Harvard University 2016-2017. Crystal is continuing her work on strategic trade controls and is now covering non-proliferation topics more broadly. Since rejoining Pacific Forum, she has written conference reports, published a book review on the US nuclear umbrella in Asia, and has articles on Japan's arms exports and strategic trade control implementation under review. While continuing to pursue engagement with and on Japan, Crystal is working to develop a research agenda on cybersecurity policy.

**Brad Glosserman, Senior Advisor and former Executive Director**, relocated to Tokyo in October but remains closely affiliated with the Pacific Forum. He spent part of January 2017 aboard the USS Carl Vinson in January 2017, at the beginning of its deployment to Asia, where he lectured to officers and crew about Japan and the Korean Peninsula. He later lectured on a pair of destroyers at Pearl Harbor on the same topics. In the spring, Brad participated in a week-long State Department public diplomacy tour in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne to discuss US foreign policy at the beginning of the Trump administration. In November, he spoke at an Economist conference on change in the Asia Pacific, and also returned to the Management Center of Innsbruck for a week to teach undergraduates on "why Asia matters."

### PUBLICATIONS

In 2017, Pacific Forum published:

- 96 PacNet newsletters distributed to 2,400 US and 4,000 foreign subscribers.
- 14 Issues & Insights monograph series
- 3 issues of Comparative Connections
  - o 2,061 individual users online (+1,100 in 2017)
  - 5,610 page views (+1,800 in 2017)
  - 81:19 new-return visitors

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- Facebook 8,000 followers (+500 in 2017)
- Twitter 13,600 total followers (+2,300 in 2017)
- LinkedIn Newly-established in 2017, with 708 total followers

# **2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Jan. 13: Honolulu International Forum featuring James Kelly and Ralph Cossa** (Honolulu) Annual Asia overview featuring President Emeritus James Kelly and Ralph Cossa, which provided analysis of major trends of 2016 and a forecast into 2017 for the Asia-Pacific region.

Jan 23: Honolulu International Forum featuring Ambassador Tim Groser (Honolulu) New Zealand Ambassador to the United States Tim Groser discussed the importance of the United States as a stakeholder in international trade and underscored the need for the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Jan. 23-24: Focus Group on Strategic Trade Controls in the Asia Pacific (Hong Kong) This meeting examined nonproliferation and strategic trade controls-related assistance programs in the Asia Pacific as well as the mechanisms used to assess strategic trade controls programs.

Jan. 25: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Brad Glosserman (Honolulu) Brad Glosserman, Pacific Forum executive director, provided frameworks to understand Japanese culture and mentality, elaborating on the complexity of issues facing Japan today, particularly demographic shifts and tensions regarding history with the Korean Peninsula.

Jan. 30: Honolulu International Forum featuring In-Bum Chun (Honolulu) LTG (ret.) In-Bum Chun, Republic of Korea Army, discussed the alliance dynamics between the United States and South Korea.

**Feb. 1: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Laurence Braum** (Honolulu) The University of Hawaii at Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law welcomed the APAL cohort to attend a lecture on Chinese environmental policy.

**Feb. 8: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Carl Baker** (Honolulu) Carl Baker, Pacific Forum director of programs, offered an overview of Southeast Asia including ASEAN as a political body and the relations of ASEAN countries with each other.

### Feb. 15: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Visit to DPAA (Honolulu)

JD Darby and Dan Melton gave a tour of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) facility and briefed the APAL group on the agency's mission to recover the remains of Americans in former conflict and war zones.

### Feb. 22: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – David Santoro (Honolulu)

David Santoro, Pacific Forum director and senior fellow for nuclear policy, gave an overview of the history of nuclear weapons and materials, dispelling myths about North Korea. He then discussed efforts to promote nonproliferation, highlighting international resolutions and revealing the root causes of cooperative difficulties regarding nuclear issues.

### Feb. 24-25: Myanmar-US Retired Military-to-Military Dialogue (Yangon)

The dialogue covered threat perceptions, strategic outlooks, and opportunities for enhanced trust and confidence between the two militaries. The group also examined ways to facilitate the integration of the Myanmar military into security cooperation efforts in Southeast Asia.

# Feb. 27-28: CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG) Meeting (Singapore) [Young Leaders Program]

In partnership with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies and with support of the Carnegie Corporation, this meeting focused on nuclear power development in the Asia Pacific, physical protection of nuclear facilities, cyber-nuclear security threats, radioactive source management, and the role of public opinion, education, and training in promoting safe and secure use of nuclear energy.

# March 6-7: CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific (Auckland) [Young Leaders Program]

This CSCAP Study Group meeting, held in conjunction with the ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional (ARF-ISM) Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament, discussed recent developments related to the global nonproliferation regime, denuclearization on the Korean Peninsula, biosafety and biosecurity in the Asia Pacific. Key findings and proposals for enhancing nuclear weapon disarmament verification mechanisms and enhancing the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone were presented at the ARF-ISM.

#### March 8: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Eric Sayers (Honolulu)

Eric Sayers, special assistant to the commander of the US Pacific Command, gave an overview of his career, highlighting how different agencies solve problems through different lenses. He also offered career advice on writing, networking, and publishing.

# March 15: Annual Board of Governors' luncheon meeting featuring remarks by Dr. Joseph Nye.

# March 15: Annual Board of Governors' Dinner Fundraiser and Celebration of ADM Lloyd Joe Vasey's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Honolulu)

The Board of Governors' dinner and fundraiser for the Young Leaders Program, featuring keynote speakers Dr. Joseph Nye and Admiral Harry Harris.

#### March 16: "Morning After" Honolulu International Forum (Honolulu)

Special HIF breakfast briefing for Pacific Forum board members and key donors focused on developments on the Korean Peninsula.

### March 22-23: China-US Dialogue on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics (Washington, DC) [+

#### Young Leaders Program]

This Naval Post-Graduate School co-hosted, DTRA-sponsored track 2 dialogue focused on strategic military relations between the US and China. This year's dialogue also focused on organizing principles for the strategic relationship, integrated strategic deterrence, nuclear cooperation, and preventing and managing a crisis with North Korea.

# March 28-29: Emerging Challenges in the China-US Strategic Military Relationship Workshop (Livermore, CA) [Young Leaders Program]

Hosted by the Center for Global Security Research at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the workshop identified and explored key factors in the evolving US-PRC relationship, with a focus on security issues.

# March 29: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Brenda and Larry Foster (Honolulu)

Brenda and Larry Foster shared their experience working in China as former president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, and teaching and consulting on Chinese law, respectively.

### April 5: Workshop on Cybersecurity in the Asia-Pacific (Semarang) [+ Young Leaders Program]

US and Indonesia member committees of CSCAP cohosted a one-day workshop on cybersecurity in Semarang, Indonesia. Officials discussed the regional cybersecurity environment, progress in ASEAN, and confidence-building measures that can help to achieve a safer regional cybersecurity structure.

# April 5: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Final Project Workshop (Honolulu)

APAL members discussed Hawaii's role in the region and their final projects addressing a particular Hawaii issue.

# **April 20: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Visit to APCSS** (Honolulu) The Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies welcomed the APAL group to attend college-course lectures on women and security, and counter-terrorism. A tour of the Waikiki-based facility followed.

# **May 3: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Ray Tsuchiyama** (Honolulu) Ray Tsuchiyama discussed opportunities to work abroad. He encouraged the group to pursue unconventional career choices that may be important in the future.

### May 9: Honolulu International Forum featuring Satu Limaye (Honolulu)

Satu Limaye, director of the East-West Center in Washington, DC gave his assessment of US Asia policy under the Trump administration.

# May 10: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Maya Soetoro-Ng (Honolulu) Maya Soetoro-Ng discussed the concept of "peacebuilding" and motivated the group to become leaders in their respective communities and industries. She promoted the idea of inner peace serving as a vehicle for outer peace in the world.

### May 18: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Visit to Oceanit (Honolulu)

APAL members received a briefing on problem solving and design thinking. Afterward, Oceanit staff gave the group a lab tour and explained the use of various equipment.

### May 22-24: Asia Pacific Roundtable (Kuala Lumpur) [Young Leaders Program]

Hosted by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, the APR brought together 200 participants from across the Asia Pacific and Europe to debate and explore solutions on the region's strategic challenges.

### May 31: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Maxine Burkett (Honlulu)

William S. Richardson School of Law Professor Maxine Burkett explained the implications of climate change, including security issues and climate-induced migration. She encouraged the group to take steps to mitigate serious issues.

# June 7: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Project Presentations (Honolulu)

APAL participants presented their final projects to a group of 11 community members including elected officials, journalists, and educators. Each group fielded questions and received feedback on their initiatives.

### June 8: US-ROK-China Trilateral Dialogue (New York) [Young Leaders Program]

Hosted by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy and the Korea Society, participants engaged in a discussion of the rising nuclear and missile threats from North Korea, exchanged views on the efficacy of current policy approaches dealing with this challenge, and discussed new ways to end North Korea's development of nuclear weapons and missiles.

# June 20-21: Fourth US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue (Maui) [+ Young Leaders Program]

Participants from the US, ROK, and Japan addressed concerns about sustaining and

strengthening their deterrent in the face of new and enduring challenges. The conference featured a tabletop exercise in which teams responded to a nuclear crisis on the Korean Peninsula and articulated next steps for trilateral cooperation.

### June 23: Northeast Asia History Meeting (Honolulu) [+ Young Leaders Program]

Pacific Forum, in partnership with the ROK's Northeast Asia History Foundation, and with support from the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs, convened US and ROK experts to address how history impacts politics and security dynamics in Northeast Asia.

# June 27: Spring Imperial Decoration Conferment Ceremony – James A. Kelly (Honolulu) In recognition of his contribution to promote mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and the United States, Pacific Forum President Emeritus James A. Kelly was honored with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays by Consul General Yasushi Misawa at the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu.

### June 28-29: Workshop on Implementing Strategic Trade Controls (Nay Pyi Taw)

The Department of Energy-supported training course included an explanation of proliferation risks associated with dual-use goods and the importance of implementing a national trade control program for developing a high-technology manufacturing sector in Myanmar. Officials from the ministries of commerce, finance, strategic planning, and defense participated and engaged in a series of practical exercises to better understand the requirements associated with identifying strategic goods and licensing.

### August 14: Honolulu International Forum featuring Victor Cha (Honolulu)

Victor Cha, senior adviser and inaugural holder of the Korea Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), provided a Washington perspective on the current US administration's strategy for the Korean Peninsula.

# Aug. 17-18: China-US Dialogue on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics (Beijing) [+ Young Leaders Program]

In collaboration with the China Foundation for International and Strategic Studies, and with support from NPS/PASCC and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Chinese and US experts, officials, military officers, and observers met in their private capacities to discuss US-China strategic relations with an emphasis on its nuclear dimension.

### Aug. 25: Honolulu International Forum featuring Justin Nankivell (Honolulu)

In cooperation with the Foundation for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Justin Nankivell discussed territorial disputes in the South China Sea, laying the legal foundation and ways forward in the wake of the ruling by an international tribunal in The Hague.

### Aug. 31: United States CSCAP member committee annual meeting (Washington, DC) [+

### Young Leaders Program]

The United States member committee of CSCAP held its annual membership meeting in Washington, DC, where Ralph Cossa briefed the group on recent and upcoming CSCAP activities. Matt Pottinger, senior director for Asia on the National Security Council, gave remarks.

### Sept. 19: Honolulu International Forum featuring James Moriarty (Honolulu)

Ambassador James Moriarty, chairman of the American Institute in Taiwan, assessed current and future cross-strait relations, discussing how it shapes US policy in the region.

# Sept. 27: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Ambassador James Moriarty (Honolulu)

Ambassador James Moriarty shared his vast experience of working in the State Department and spoke about the current period of transition in the Asia-Pacific, the rising importance of "middle powers," and the rise of India.

### Oct. 2: ASEAN Roundtable (Singapore) [Young Leaders Program]

Hosted by the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, the conference reviewed ASEAN's achievements and lessons learned over the past five decades, and assessed next steps for steering regional cooperation in the years ahead.

### Oct. 4: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – APAL Alumni (Honolulu)

APAL alumni Andi McIntosh, Mike Calistro, and Adam Morrow spoke to the cohort about how to make the most of the program. Scholars began discussions on their individual projects.

# Oct. 11: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Ambassador Lauren Kahea Moriarty (Honolulu)

Ambassador Lauren Kahea Moriarty received the initial project proposals of the cohort and shared her feedback. She spoke about her Foreign Service career including her first tour, work with the World Trade Organization, and her time in East Africa.

# Oct. 12: North Korea Panel: Understanding the threat of North Korea and what it means for Hawaii (Honolulu)

In cooperation with the East-West Center, Civil Beat, and the Hawaii Tourism and Lodging Association, Pacific Forum participated in a panel discussion featuring President Emeritus James Kelly and President Ralph Cossa.

### Oct. 25: Honolulu International Forum featuring Richard Heydarian (Honolulu)

Philippine academic Richard Heydarian discussed the South China Sea territorial dispute, assessing the influence of Philippine domestic policy on foreign policy in the region.

### Oct. 25: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Andy Bates (Honolulu)

Andy Bates, a consultant on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, underscored the need for clear communication in a crisis scenario. He outlined the similarities between a hypothetical crisis in Hawaii and the devastation in Puerto Rico during the 2017 hurricane.

# Oct. 26-27: CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific

### (Hanoi) [+ Young Leaders Program]

This CSCAP Study Group meeting addressed recent developments influencing nonproliferation and peaceful use of nuclear technology, the Korean Peninsula, implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention in Asia, and NPD priorities and capacity building in Asia.

### Oct. 27-29: Fourth Mount Fuji Dialogue (Tokyo) [Young Leaders Program]

Hosted by the Japan Center for Economic Research and the Japan Institute of International Affairs, the conference focused on the dynamics of the US-Japan relationship.

### Oct. 28: Special Roundtable featuring President Tsai Ing-wen (Honolulu)

In cooperation with the East-West Center, Pacific Forum welcomed President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan for a closed-door roundtable discussion.

### Nov. 8: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – David Santoro (Honolulu)

David Santoro, Pacific Forum director and senior fellow for nuclear policy, opened the meeting with a story comparing Hawaii residents' reaction to the escalating tensions with the DPRK and the attitudes of those residing in Asian nations. He then provided the cohort with an overview of nuclear history in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### Nov. 13: Workshop on US Extended Deterrence in Europe and in the Asia-Pacific

### (Livermore, CA) [Young Leaders Program]

The Center for Global Security Research at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory held a workshop that evaluated the similarities, differences, and interdependencies of US extended deterrence in Europe and the Asia-Pacific.

# **Nov. 14-16: Fourth Annual Cross-Domain Deterrence Symposium** (Livermore, CA) [*Young Leaders Program*]

The Center for Global Security Research at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory hosted a conference aimed at strengthening deterrence for 21st century strategic conflicts and competition through accelerating adaptation and integration. Participants discussed how to improve the integration of US capabilities, and the competitive position and cooperation between the US and its allies.

# Nov. 27-28: Northeast Asia Regional Young Leaders Security Seminar (Seoul) [Young Leaders Program]

In collaboration with SK Networks Co. Ltd. and the US-Japan Foundation, and with support from Beijing Foreign Studies University and CEFC China Energy, Pacific Forum held the third quadrilateral dialogue of Young Leaders from the US, ROK, Japan, and China. The Young Leaders met in their private capacities to participate in a tabletop exercise addressing a hypothetical crisis on the Korean Peninsula.

#### Nov. 29: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Chris Snedden (Honolulu)

Chris Snedden, faculty member of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies assessed the security architecture in south Asia, including a history of Indian-Pakistani relations and India's escalating rivalry with China.

### Nov. 30: Honolulu International Forum featuring Kent Kedl (Honolulu)

Kent Kedl, a Shanghai-based global risk consultant, discussed China's business climate in the wake of the 19<sup>th</sup> Party Congress, covering foreign investment within the country and Chinese investment abroad.

# Nov. 30 - Dec. 1: 5th Myanmar-US Nonproliferation Dialogue (Nay Pyi Taw) [+ Young Leaders Program]

US and Myanmar officials, experts, and scholars shared perspectives of and intentions regarding the various treaties and instruments of the nonproliferation regime, and explored areas where cooperation is possible and desirable.

# **Dec. 5-6: Workshop on Strategic Trade Controls in the Asia-Pacific** (Taipei) [+ Young Leaders Program]

The State Department-supported seminar covered proliferation networks; proliferation financing; UNSC Resolution 1540, strategic trade controls, and trade sanctions; controlling research and technology transfers; promoting industry compliance with strategic trade control requirements; and implementing strategic trade controls in Southeast Asia.

### Dec. 14-15: CSCAP General Conference (Chiang Mai) [Young Leaders Program]

The theme of the CSCAP Steering Committee Meeting and General Conference was "Ensuring a Peaceful Evolution of Regional Security Order in the Asia Pacific." Session topics included "Changing Great-Power Dynamics in the Asia Pacific: Meanings and Consequences" and "Beyond 50: ASEAN Centrality and Regional Architecture-Building."

# SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- 14 Senior-level International Conferences (12 cities; 9 countries)
- 20 Young Leader Seminars and Conferences (200 seats; 16 cities)
- 13 Honolulu International Forums (HIF) and Special Events
- 21 Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program (APAL) Meetings
- 16 Resident Fellows from 9 different countries

### 7 Interns