

A satellite map of the Pacific region, showing Asia, Australia, and the surrounding oceans. The map is centered on the Pacific Ocean, with landmasses in shades of green and brown, and water in deep blue. The text is overlaid on a grey rectangular box in the lower-left quadrant.

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OUR VISION

The Pacific Forum envisions an Indo-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-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-Pacific and beyond.

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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.

REMEMBERING DR. AMOS A. “JOE” JORDAN



The Pacific Forum is deeply saddened by the passing of our former president Dr. Amos A. “Joe” Jordan in Bountiful, Utah on June 7, 2018, at the age of 96. Joe guided the Forum from 1990 to 1994 during the initial years of our merger with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He previously served as president and CEO of CSIS from 1983 to 1988.

Pacific Forum President Emeritus Ralph Cossa noted that “Joe Jordan was a great mentor and inspiration to all who knew him. He helped to internationalize the Pacific Forum, creating among other initiatives the multinational Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) which he ably co-chaired in the years immediately following its inception. I am forever grateful to him for bringing me to the Pacific Forum and for the standards of academic excellence and integrity which he established.”

A retired US Army Brigadier General, Joe was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on February 11, 1922, the first of seven children. He was First Captain of the Corps of Cadets and a boxing champion at the United States Military Academy, a Rhodes Scholar, and the youngest statutory professor in West Point’s modern history. He earned a doctorate in international affairs from Columbia University and was the lead author of *American National Security*, a textbook on foreign affairs that went into its 6th edition in 2009 and has long been considered the standard text on the subject. While in government he held the positions of Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Deputy under Secretary of State, and acting under Secretary of State for Security Assistance; he also served as a member of President George H.W. Bush’s Intelligence Oversight Board.

The Pacific Forum joins his family and his many friends and colleagues in mourning the passing of a true American patriot and inspirational leader whose wisdom will be dearly missed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Aloha!

2018 has been a year of both productivity and change for Pacific Forum. In our 43rd year contributing to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific, we continued to provide impact across our numerous lines of effort. Through our policy-relevant research and competitive fellowships, the connections we make coordinating dialogues, training courses, lectures and conferences -- including our next-generation leadership programs -- to informing via our online publications, Pacific Forum has been hard at work. While executing this full agenda, we've also completed the process of returning to our original unaffiliated status, independent from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and now formally, "Pacific Forum International."

The following pages will detail our organization, regional engagement, security cooperation efforts, fellows and young leaders programs. While diverse in makeup, their alignment in promoting sustainable cooperative solutions to current and emerging issues across the region serves as a constant theme.

Looking ahead through 2019 and beyond, we're well positioned to continue our work in Asian security issues, non-proliferation and strategic studies, while also adapting to address emerging political, security and economic challenges throughout the region. The need to address these issues amid an increasingly competitive and technology-intensive environment is as strong as ever.

I'm honored to join Pacific Forum's team and continue the work of our late founder, Admiral Joe Vasey, and his vision "to find a better way." It's exciting to be a part of meaningful work and a constant reminder of its relevance are in the eyes and hopes of our Fellows and growing network of Young Leaders. We'll keep Pacific Forum and our mission to contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific at the forefront as a leading foreign policy institution in the region.

With thanks for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. P. Girrier", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert P. Girrier

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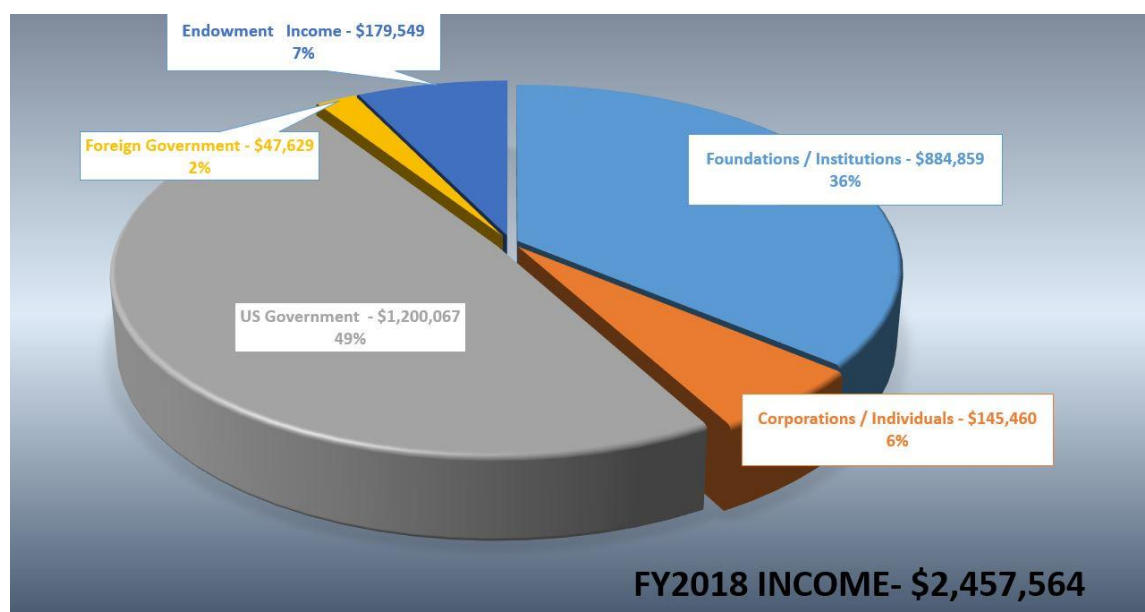
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FINANCIALS PACIFIC FORUM CSIS

PACIFIC FORUM CSIS Financial Overview		Projections	FY2018	FY2017	FY2016
Balances brought forward From Prior Year Adjustment	-		229,787	377,631	691,733
Fiscal Year Income			2,227,777	2,549,756	2,401,687
Total Income	-		2,457,564	2,927,387	3,093,420
Balances carried forward to subsequent year				(229,787)	(377,631)
Funds Available	-		2,457,564	2,697,600	2,715,789
Expenditures Transfer to Endowment			2,454,753	2,546,433	2,651,500
Net Surplus/Deficit	-		2,811	151,167	64,289
Expenses	-		2,454,753	2,546,433	2,651,500
Salaries			749,883	746,877	744,638
Fringes			160,177	159,826	158,263
Rent			90,692	83,114	90,913
Travel/Conferences			884,642	979,273	1,149,717
Other			390,043	351,138	284,566
To CSIS			179,316	226,205	223,403
Foundations/Institutions			36%	14%	14%
Corporations/Individuals			6%	2%	2%
US Gov't Contracts			49%	74%	74%
Foreign Gov't			2%	3%	3%
CSIS Allocations			0%	1%	1%
Endowment Income			7%	6%	6%

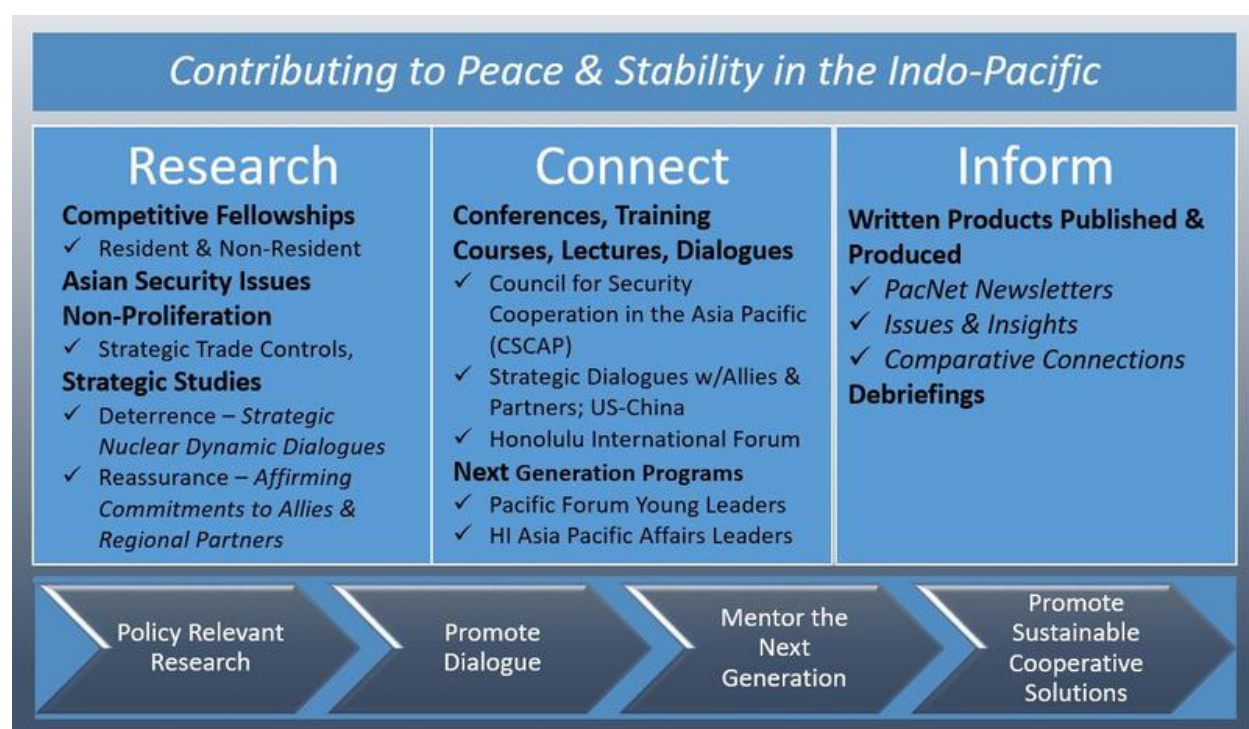


FINANCIALS PACIFIC FORUM INTERNATIONAL

PACIFIC FORUM INTERNATIONAL		Feb-Sep
Financial Overview	Projections	FY2018
Balances brought forward From Prior Year Adjustment	304,352	-
Fiscal Year Income	2,548,425	365,691
Total Income	2,852,777	365,691
Balances carried forward to subsequent year		
Funds Available	2,852,777	365,691
Expenditures Carry Forward	2,730,693 40,200	61,339
Net Surplus/Deficit	81,884	304,352
Expenses	2,730,693	61,339
Salaries	848,100	-
Fringes	183,855	-
Rent	70,914	-
Travel/Conferences	1,014,033	28,353
Other	613,791	32,986
Foundations/Institutions	15%	42%
Corporations/Individuals	29%	30%
US Gov't Contracts	52%	0%
Foreign Gov't	2%	18%
Endowment Income	4%	23%
Endowments		
Kelly Fellowship Fund	2,000,000	
Vasey Fellowship Fund	1,500,000	
Young Leaders/Scowcroft Chair	500,000	
Total Endowments	<u>4,000,000</u>	

PACIFIC FORUM PROGRAMS

Pacific Forum is a private, non-profit, non-partisan foreign policy research institute. Our organization, now in its 44th year, conducts policy-relevant research, we connect Indo-Pacific stakeholders and specialists, and we inform – all in the interests of contributing to peace and stability in the region. We meet these objectives by offering resident and non-resident fellowships; hosting conferences, lectures and dialogues; mentoring next-generation leaders; and publishing opinion, analysis and reports addressing current and emerging issues affecting regional security.



The Pacific Forum is guided by the belief that bilateral and multilateral solutions to regional problems are the most effective ways to promote enduring peace and stability in the Indo-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 the Indo-Pacific, 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 distinguishes Pacific Forum from other organizations by providing opportunities for young experts and foreign policy leaders to engage in policy-relevant exchanges. Our programs provide unparalleled, ongoing access to decision makers and peers, ensuring that fresh voices and perspectives contribute to the regional security discourse.

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-Pacific. 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.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

In 2018, Pacific Forum deepened existing dialogues and established new ones across the region. After a one-year hiatus, we were pleased to renew our Japan dialogues in partnership with Tama University Center for Rule-making Strategies and with support from the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. In addition to bringing together experts and officials to engage on issues surrounding foreign and security policy, these dialogues go further by taking key findings from these meetings and disseminating them in public forums directly afterwards. The unique format of these events, along with their multi-city itinerary, contribute to our efforts to engage not only leaders and decision-makers, but broader communities as well.



Figure 1 Huong Le Thu speaking to students at Kyoto University of Foreign Studies

The first of these tours, “Democracies and Alliances in the Indo-Pacific,” took place in Tokyo in early June and brought together some 50 experts and officials from 10 governments on foreign and security policy to discuss the meaning of the “Indo-Pacific,” identify areas of overlap and divergence, and outline prospects and possibilities for collaboration. A recap and key findings from this conference were presented in subsequent public panels at American Center Japan in Tokyo and at a community meeting in Naha. Further engagement was made in Osaka in symposia on “Understanding the ‘Indo-Pacific’” with students from Kyoto University of Foreign Studies and Doshisha University.

In December, Pacific Forum returned to Tokyo to host “STEM and National Security” and focused on several science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)-related topics, ranging from the importance of STEM for national security to the role of women in STEM and national security, as well as STEM education in the United States and Japan, challenges in promoting STEM, cybersecurity, and prospects for US-Japan cooperation in STEM fields. Cognizant of the need to improve equal gender representation in the security sector, it’s worth noting that half of the nearly 40 invited participants at this meeting were women. The closed-door conference was followed by a public panel at American Center Japan, which focused on the advancement of women’s activities in STEM within the context of the US-Japan alliance and each country’s security policies. Key panelists continued their journey to Fukuoka and Naha, where they held symposia on female participation in STEM fields with audiences from Fukuoka Women’s University, Kyuyo High School, and local students, academics, and professionals from Naha City.



Figure 2 Panelists with students from Fukuoka Women's University

Pacific Forum has had a steadfast commitment to working with Myanmar to facilitate its integration into the international community. The sixth US-Myanmar Nonproliferation Dialogue, held in December in Nay Pyi Taw and sponsored by the US Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration, focused on current and future directions of Myanmar’s relationship with the US and the West, implementation of nuclear non-proliferation instruments and nuclear and radiological safety and security protocols, implementation of the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions, strategic trade controls and UN sanctions, the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation, and opportunities and challenges for enhancing Myanmar’s role in ASEAN nonproliferation networks. More than 65 Myanmar and US experts, officials,

military officers, and observers attended this off-the-record meeting, as well as Pacific Forum's two Nonproliferation fellows from Myanmar's Department of Commerce. Both fellows wrote a paper on strategic trade controls, which they presented in front of their peers at this meeting.

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 US-China Strategic Dialogue, a track-2 meeting that provides an important backdrop for US efforts to promote a better understanding of intentions to ensure a strategic balance with China is maintained. Its tenth iteration took place on Maui in April and was co-hosted by the Naval Post-Graduate School and the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, and sponsored by the US Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (DTRA/PASCC). This year's dialogue focused on recent developments in the global and regional strategic environment and the US-China relationship, evolving US and Chinese nuclear strategy, challenges and opportunities in North Korea, and the impact of new technologies on stability.

Our Reassurance efforts focus on affirming US commitments to our alliance partners, Japan and South Korea. In August, we hosted our fifth US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue on Maui, which brought our Northeast Asian alliance partners to the table to exchange views on regional security and to examine opportunities for trilateral cooperation. This DTRA/PASCC-sponsored track-1.5 dialogue explored the three countries' thinking about changes in relations with North Korea, extended deterrence, and ways to strengthen trilateral security cooperation. A two-move tabletop exercise was conducted that dealt with radically different outcomes in negotiations with Pyongyang.



Figure 3 Japanese participants discuss their response during the TTX.

In 2018, Pacific Forum also hosted two new processes that bridge our deterrence and reassurance efforts.

This hybrid model was initially demonstrated in the inaugural US-Australia Indo-Pacific Deterrence Dialogue, which we held in partnership with the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney in Australia. Co-sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Australian Department of Defence, this track-1.5 US-Australia dialogue explored issues related to deterring grey-zone coercion, strengthening conventional deterrence, the evolving nuclear order, the role of emerging technologies, and advancing deterrence through the alliance and partner network, particularly towards an integrated deterrence strategy for the ANZUS alliance. The outcomes report can be read [online](#).

We also partnered with the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies to co-host the inaugural Russia-US-China Trilateral Dialogue, titled “Regional Strategic Stability and Nuclear Risk Reduction in Northeast Asia,” on November 26-27 in Vladivostok, Russia. Sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this two-day dialogue brought together non-government experts and officials from the three countries for a focused discussion on the roles and responsibilities of Russia, the United States, and China in the international strategic landscape, North Korea’s nuclear and missile developments and the impact on strategic stability, past efforts to address the North Korea problem, the recent “Spring Summitry” approach and what comes after, lessons from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran, and ways to build regional security architecture in Northeast Asia.

SECURITY COOPERATION

The Pacific Forum assesses and promotes security cooperation in the Indo-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.



Figure 4 Conference participants in session at the Workshop on Preventive Diplomacy.

The annual USCSCAP Meeting was held in Washington in October. Pacific Forum provided an update on ARF and ADMM+ activities. Abraham Denmark (Wilson Center) and Satu Limaye (East-West Center in Washington) provided remarks on “Understanding the Indo-Pacific Strategy” in a panel chaired by Pacific Forum President Robert Girrier. 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 semi-annually 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.

Preventive Diplomacy

In February, Pacific Forum and RSIS co-chaired a workshop on preventive diplomacy in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This workshop, hosted by the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace and sponsored by the US State Department Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, centered on the ARF’s 2008 Joint Study on Best Practices and Lessons Learned on Preventive Diplomacy. Sessions re-examined preventive diplomacy as a concept, debated its evolution, meaning and practice, and provided policy prescriptions for ASEAN vis-à-vis the region’s inter-state, intra-state and trans-state security challenges.

Nonproliferation and Disarmament

Held in conjunction with the ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional (ARF-ISM) Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament and sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the fifth CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament was co-chaired by USCSCAP and CSCAP Vietnam met in Seoul. Approximately 40 senior scholars and officials along with 10 Pacific Forum Young Leaders focused on recent developments in nonproliferation and disarmament, the Korean Peninsula and denuclearization, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), and ways to enhance collaboration between nuclear-armed and non-nuclear-armed states on nuclear risk reduction.

Nuclear Security

Pacific Forum and the S. Rajaratnam School for International Studies (RSIS) are the primary organizers of the CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG), which met in Singapore for its seventh meeting in January. This meeting, sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, brought together approximately 40 specialists from 18 countries in the Indo-Pacific and beyond, all attending in their private capacities. The participants joined for a day and a half of not-for-attribution discussions on ways to build nuclear governance and improve nuclear safety, security, and safeguards culture in the region. Participants also reflected on the future of nuclear power development in the Indo-Pacific and the regional networks that undergird trade and knowledge transfers in nuclear-related industries and institutions.

Strategic Trade Controls



Figure 5 Participants on a guided tour of US-Taiwan joint counterterrorism facilities.

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 July, Pacific Forum and the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, with support from the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program, hosted a Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia in Hanoi. Discussions focused on structures of strategic trade control (STC) systems and the status of national STC implementation in Southeast Asia.

In November, Pacific Forum, in partnership with National Chengchi University's Institute for International Relations and I-Shou University's Department of Public Policy and Management, and with support from the Taiwan Coast Guard, the Prospect Foundation, the Ocean Affairs Council, and the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program, hosted the eighth annual STC Workshop in the Indo-Pacific. The seminar focused on outreach programs in the Indo-Pacific, proliferation finance controls, issues associated with technology controls and transfers, the relationship between foreign policy and nonproliferation goals, and transit/transshipment and port security. The sessions were followed by site visits to the Port of Kaohsiung and US-Taiwan joint counterterrorism facilities.

Our final conference of the year was hosted in Jakarta in cooperation with the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and with the support of the US Department Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration under a contract administered by Los Alamos National Laboratory. This dialogue focused on nonproliferation and nuclear safeguard regimes, disarmament regimes, national experiences and regional implications of implementing

nonproliferation, counterterrorism, Indonesian policy towards nonproliferation, and peaceful uses of nuclear and dual use technology. On the last day of the conference, foreign experts met with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of International Security and Disarmament to discuss Indonesia's nonproliferation efforts.

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.



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 fellowship program 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. We have also expanded our scope by including opportunities for non-resident fellowships.

Vasey Fellowship

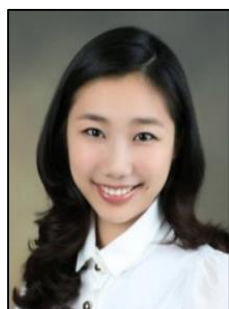
The Pacific Forum's original fellowship, now well into its second decade, is named after founder RADM (USN, Ret.) Lloyd R. "Joe" Vasey and his wife Lilian. The endowment-supported fellowship affords promising young Asian scholars the opportunity to serve as researchers at the Pacific Forum and to develop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



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

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.



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.



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.



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.



Ariel STENEK (US; 2019) is a Program Manager at Pacific Forum. Previously she was a Regional Security Studies Intern at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. She holds a B.A. in International Studies with a minor in European Studies from the University of San Francisco, and an M.A. in International Relations from Queen Mary, University of London, which she completed at their Paris campus. As a student in Paris, she worked at UNESCO in the division of Social and Human Sciences on The Silk Roads Online Platform. Her dissertation, “Four Cases Examining the Role of Maritime Militias in China’s Maritime Strategy,” won the J. Ann Tickner Prize for Best Masters Dissertation, and was presented at the 2018 International Graduate Student Conference at the East-West Center.

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.



Saeme KIM (ROK; 2019) is a PhD candidate in International Relations at King’s College London, United Kingdom. She received her MSc in International Relations at the London School of Economics (LSE) and BA in International Studies at Ewha Woman’s University in South Korea. She previously worked as a researcher at the Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU) in Seoul. Her research interests include East Asian regionalism, regional architecture, and middle power diplomacy.

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW



Raymond YAMAMOTO (DK, 2019) received his PhD degree from Hamburg University in 2015. From 2015 to 2017, he worked as a Specially Appointed Researcher and as a Part Time Lecturer at Osaka University. Since 2017, he has been appointed as Assistant Professor at Aarhus University. His research focuses on Japan's post-war foreign policy as well as on the development and security nexus of the Japanese ODA.

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 research.



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.



Hyun Soo RHA (2018) is a junior at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea where she is pursuing her BA in Political Science and International studies. Her research interests include Cyber Security and International Law.



Kirara TSUTSUI (2018) is a junior at Pomona College double majoring in Economics and Environmental Analysis. Originally from Japan, she joined Pacific Forum as a Summer Research Intern in 2018 with an interest in US-Japan relations and energy security. At her time in Pacific Forum, she aided the fellows through translating official Japanese documents and conducting logistical work for the office. Kirara's independent research during her internship ultimately manifested itself as an op-ed "Liberal Gender Equality Bill Passed in Conservative Japan" on The Diplomat.



Nina ZHOU (2018) is a Beijing-born Canadian who calls China, Canada, and the United States home. She is a senior at Pomona College majoring in International Relations and minoring in Asian Studies. During her junior year, Nina studied abroad at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. At Pomona, she has been a teaching assistant, residential sponsor, vice president of the Chinese Student Association, and is currently a liaison for the International Relations program and an international student mentor. Nina has interned for foreign policy think tanks, NGOs, and education institutions. She is currently exploring a post-graduate career in education, with particular interest in equal access, global citizenship, and cross-cultural pedagogy. As part of her internship with Pacific Forum, Nina published an opinion piece on East Asia Forum on China's soft power strategy, titled "Can China Win the World's Hearts by Showing It's a Good Sport?" She will incorporate this research into her senior thesis on the perceived political efficacy of the Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 Olympic Games.



Sally LIN (2019) is currently at Pacific Forum as their Graphic Design Intern. Graduating Spring 2019, she will be receiving an Associate's degree in Communication Arts from the University of Hawaii: Honolulu Community College. She plans to continue her education and pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Her interests include travel and learning about different cultures and languages.

Vasey Fellows – 32; Countries – 10

2002

Yumiko Nakagawa, Japan

2003

Kazuko Hamada, Japan

2004

Ah-Young Kim, ROK

Ronald Rodriguez, Philippines

Lena Gan, Singapore (2004-2005)

2005

Hyun Jung Jo Choi, Singapore, ROK

Claire Bai, PRC (2005-2006)

2006

Qinghong Wang, PRC (2006-2007)

Junbeom Pyon, ROK (2006-2007)

2007

Yuka Tsukagoshi, Japan

Jiyon Shin, ROK (2007-2008)

Tomoko Tsunoda, Japan (2007-2008)

2008

Shanshan Mei, PRC

Shiuan-ju Chen, Taiwan

2009

Young-Jin Yang, ROK

Nadya Larsen, Russia

Trang Thuy Pham, Vietnam

Kei Koga, Japan (2009-2010)

2010

Fergus Hanson, Australia (2010-2011)

Luxi Zhou, PRC (2010-2011)

2011

Danielle Chub, Australia (2011-2012)

Yang Yi, PRC (2011-2012)

2012

Yujing Shentu, PRC (2012-2013)

Ryo Hinata-Yamaguchi, Japan (2012-2013)

2013

Nanae Yamashiro, Japan (2013-2014)

2014

Guanpei Ming, PRC (2014-2015)

2015

Maile Plan, US (2015-2016)

2016

Jeffrey Ordaniel, Philippines (2016-2017)

Sinclair Prowse, Australia (2016-2017)

2017

Yeseul Woo, ROK

2018

Jeffrey Ordaniel, Philippines (2016-2018)

2019

Feng Jin, PRC (*incoming*)

WSD-Handa Fellows – 34; Countries – 15

2011

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)

2013

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
Nguyen Dinh Sach, VNM

2018

Andray Abrahamian, US/UK (2017-2018)

2019

Ariel Stenek, US
Chen-Sheng Hong, Taiwan (*incoming*)

Kelly Fellows – 25; Countries – 4

2009

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

2010

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

2011

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

2012

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

2013

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

2014

Julia Cunico, US
Stephanie Kang, US

2015

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

2016

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

2017

Hannah Falvey, US

2018

Lami Kim, ROK

2019

Oleksandr Shykov, US (*incoming*)

Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellows – 12

2011

Masamichi Minehata, Japan
Eric Sayers, US

2012

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

2013

Aiko Shimizu, Japan
Candice Sachi Gerbin, US

2014

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

2015

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

Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security Fellows – 8

2016

Naing Win, Myanmar
Aung Ko Min, Myanmar
Khin Ma Ma Myo, Myanmar
Nay Yan Oo, Myanmar (2016-2018)

2016/2017

Federica Dall'Arche, Italy (2016-2017)
Hyuk Kim, ROK (2016-2017)

2017/2018

Kyaw Si Thu, Myanmar (2017-2018)
Phone Myint Naing, Myanmar (2017-2018)

Korea Foundation Fellows – 3

2014

Eun Young Cho, ROK (2014-2015)

2017

Daekwon Son, ROK

2019

Saeme Kim, UK

Robertson Foundation for Government Fellows – 2

2016

Renato Barreda, US
Jill Mahoney, US

Pomona College Research Interns – 2

2018

Kirara Tsutsui, US
Nina Zhou, US

Visiting Research Fellow – 1

2019

Raymond Yamamoto, DK

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 sixth 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.



Foster, former Dean and Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Hawaii's William S. Richardson School of Law.

The number of applications increased in 2018, 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 2018, APAL scholars met with distinguished speakers such as Amb. Lauren Moriarty, New Zealand Deputy Consul General David Treacher, Elina Noor and Dr. Sungmin Cho from the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), and Larry

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.

2018 – 2019 APAL Program Cohort



Aaron Moskovich is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from The College of New Jersey. Originally from East Brunswick, New Jersey, Aaron graduated from the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California with an Associate's in Chinese Mandarin in 2016. Aaron hopes to begin his graduate studies early next year in International Studies and is particularly interested in Asian economic development and the usage of soft power in the Pacific.



Aisha DeMorsella is a master's student in the international policy making program at the American University of Paris. She is writing her thesis on climate change in the Pacific and exploring how public/private partnerships in island nations most vulnerable to climate change can build more effective solutions than those reached in international policy agreements. She also holds a B.A. degree in International affairs with a focus on Latin American Relations from the University of Colorado at Boulder. During these years, she was able to study and conduct research in Brazil and Argentina where she became fluent in both Portuguese and Spanish. After completing her master's thesis, she hopes to continue to advance her knowledge and participation in the changing landscape of the Pacific with a focus on environmental adaptation and security.



Chandler Carlson is a Portfolio Analyst for [Elemental Excelerator](#) (EEx), a growth-stage startup accelerator headquartered in Hawaii. Each year, EEx funds 15-20 companies up to \$1 million to improve systems that impact people's lives in energy, food, agriculture, water, and mobility. Prior to EEx, Chandler worked with the University of Denver building programs around innovation and entrepreneurship. Through these programs, he helped connect innovators and technologies from around the world to change-makers locally. Chandler has since worked to bring innovation to the forefront of the UN, lifting up entrepreneurs directly advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. Chandler spent his early years moving around the globe, graduating from Radford High School in Honolulu.



Colette Masunaga works in Government Relations and External Affairs for The Queen's Health Systems, where she manages federal and state health policy issues. Prior to returning to Hawai'i in 2015, Colette lived in Washington, D.C. where she served in the Obama White House and in Congress for Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa and the late Congressman Mark Takai. She was born and raised in South Kona on the Big Island of Hawai'i and holds a degree in International Relations and Asian American Studies from the University of California, Davis. Colette is currently a graduate student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Shidler College of Business.



Janelle Funtanilla was born and raised in Honolulu and is a licensed social worker and has worked in the field of youth development for over a decade. After receiving her Master of Social Work from University of Hawaii at Manoa, she entered the Peace Corps. Prior work experience includes working at the Hawaii State Legislature, in the public schools as an educational paraprofessional, and at the UH Manoa GEAR UP program. She has a breadth of experiences abroad including a semester abroad in London, an intensive practicum in Baguio, Philippines, and most recently as a Clinton Fellow for the American India Foundation.



Jason Shon is High School Program Director at the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, a non-profit dedicated to developing engaged global citizens among Hawaii's youth. Previously, he was a volunteer interpreter (English/Japanese) aboard the Peace Boat, interpreting onboard lectures and tours in port cities around the world. Jason also taught English at public elementary and middle schools and served as Coordinator for International Relations in Kumamoto, Japan through the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme. A graduate of Whitman College and an Asian Studies major, he hopes to use this opportunity to develop well-informed educational programs for youth.



Kendrick Leong is a Master's candidate in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa focusing on international development planning. Having recently received his Bachelor's degree in International Politics from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, he is excited to bridge international relations and urban development. His current academic interest is analyzing how cities around the Pacific Rim are responding to globalization. He is also interested in Japan-US relations, having conducted research at Waseda University in Tokyo and the University of California – Los Angeles on comparative urbanization and the urban impacts of international mega-events.



Oceania, primarily Micronesia, which inspired his ongoing advocacy work with his fellow Pacific Islanders on Oahu.

Martin J. Moore III is from the Republic of Palau and currently works as an Academic Support Specialist for Continuing Education and Training at the University of Hawaii's Kapi'olani Community College. Martin is a graduate of Chaminade University of Honolulu and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies with a concentration in International Relations and holds a minor in English and Hawaiian-Pacific Studies. During his time at Chaminade, he served as Micronesian Club president, Chaminade Student Government Association President and he was selected and participated in internships with the University of Hawaii's Pacific Business Center Program and the U.S Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs in Washington D.C. Both internships entailed research and work regarding the region of



Rae Shih is a Legal Fellow at the ACLU of Hawai'i working on education policy and civil liberties issues. Rae graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and received a master of public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Prior to graduate school, she was a high school math teacher in New Orleans via Teach For America. She also worked as a Policy Analyst at StudentsFirst drafting state education legislation. She previously interned at the Office of Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the New York Civil Liberties Union on education litigation research and strategy. She is a CrossFit coach and competitive weightlifter.



Zephanii Smith Eisenstat is an advocate for social innovation across sectors and has served in local, state, federal, and international government organizations working to address unresolved issues in civil and human rights. A Stockton, California native with a Bachelor's Degree in government and a Master's Degree in educational administration and leadership, Zephanii is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the Strategic Partnerships and Collaborations Committee on the National Council of the United Nations Association - USA. She is the recipient of the 2018 Global Young Achievement Award, the highest honor for young Americans working to advance the ideals of the United Nations.

SENIOR STAFF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Robert Girrier, President joined Pacific Forum in June. Supporting Pacific Forum's work program, he participated in the 10th U.S. – China Strategic Dialogue in Hawaii; agenda-setting discussions in Washington and Beijing in preparation for the 12th U.S. – China Dialogue on Strategic Nuclear Dynamics; the U.S. – ROK – Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue in Hawaii; chaired the Annual General Membership/Board meeting of the U.S. Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (US CSCAP) in Washington, DC; and provided a presentation during the 6th Myanmar – U.S. Nonproliferation Dialogue in Nay Pyi Taw on “Current and Future Directions for the Myanmar – U.S. Relationship and Implications for Nonproliferation Implementation.” During this period he also participated in a U.S. – China Security Crisis Management Dialogue in Hawaii. He provided presentations as a panelist for the 2018 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Los Angeles on “The Rule of Law in the Pacific Fleet,” the World Economic Forum on ASEAN in Hanoi on “Understanding Asia's New Balance of Power,” and the 2018 Asia-Pacific Think-Tank Summit in Taipei on “Trade War & Challenges of Changing Economic & Security Order,” “Indo-Pacific Strategy,” “South China Sea,” and “Cooperation Among Think Tanks.” He also continues his work in the maritime and naval fields, most recently serving as co-author of *Fleet Tactics and Naval Operations, 3rd edition* (U.S. Naval Institute Press (USNI), June 2018), as well as conducting updates to other USNI professional texts. He attended the Naval Post Graduate School Littoral Operations Center Colloquium: Fleet Tactics and Naval Operations in Monterey, CA addressing updates to both tactics and operations in the 21st century. He routinely participates in roundtables addressing Indo-Pacific security issues and makes regular appearances on Honolulu's *Hawaii News Now* “Pacific Rim Report.”

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 co-sponsored 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, Deutsche 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 Shinbun*, *Southeast Asia Globe*, *Zing News Vietnam*, *VNExpress*, *Stars and Stripes*, *Marine Corps Times*, *Task and Purpose*, and the *Honolulu Star Advertiser*.

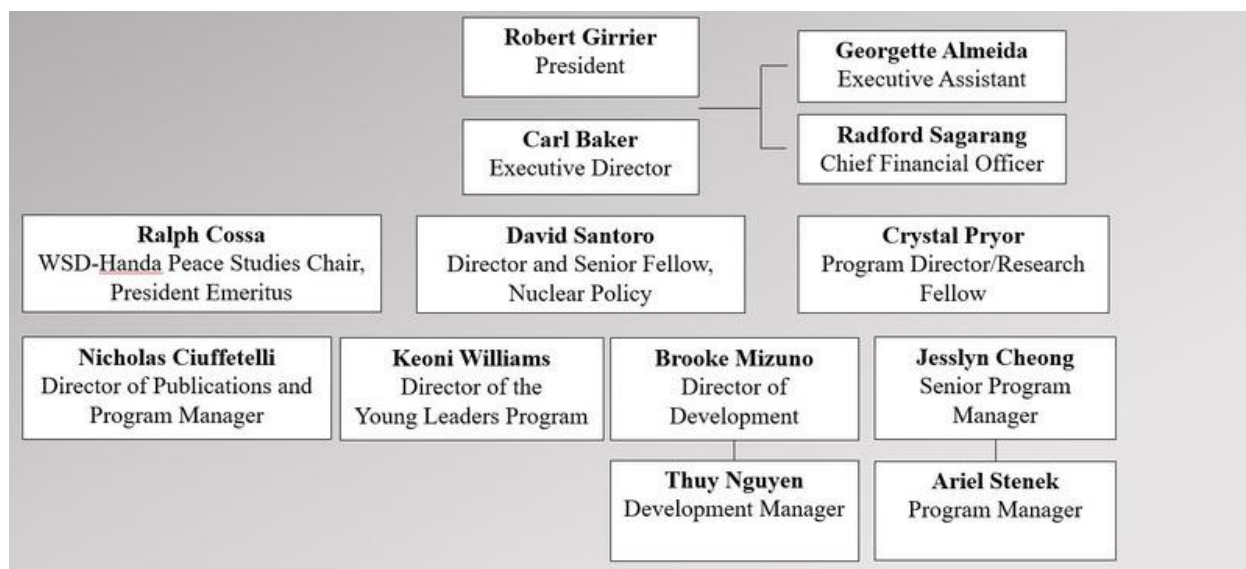
David Santoro, Director and Senior Fellow for Nuclear Policy pursued his work on deterrence and strategic stability in Asia and Europe, US alliances in both regions, and nonproliferation and nuclear security in the Indo-Pacific. In 2018, he published several policy analyses on the North Korean nuclear crisis, US strategic relations with Russia and China, and US foreign and national-security policy under the Trump Administration. Key publications over the past year include “The Case for Collective Security” (*The National Interest*), “Three Futures for the Korean Peninsula” (*The Japan Review*), and “Building the Next Nuclear Community” (*The Nonproliferation Review*). In addition to helping design, participating in, and presenting at Pacific Forum programs,

conferences, and training courses, David conducted several consultancies and gave regular lectures in the United States, Asia, and Europe on a range of national-security issues, notably on strategic and nuclear policy. He plans to continue to focus on these lines of research in 2019. His forthcoming papers will deal with US-Russia-China trilateral strategic relations, China and the 2018 US Nuclear Posture Review and the 2019 Missile Defense Review, the US-Australia Alliance and extended nuclear deterrence, and a comparative analysis of the extended-deterrence models in Europe and Asia. David has also recently been awarded an advance contract by Lynne Rienner to publish a book tentatively titled *US-China Strategic Triangles – Assessing the Impact on the Bilateral Relationship* (expected for spring 2020).

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 at Pacific Forum 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. In 2018, Crystal became an adjunct fellow with the East-West Center and was selected to join CSIS' Taiwan-US Policy Program Delegation. She published articles on 3D printed guns and strategic export control policies in advanced countries. She also published policy pieces on Japan's defense budget and arms exports, and has a forthcoming report on Taiwan's cybersecurity landscape. Crystal is currently developing Pacific Forum's research agenda on cybersecurity policy. Most recently, she was selected to the 2019 class of National Asia Research Fellows, a nationwide research and conference program sponsored by the National Bureau of Asian Research and the Institute for National Security Studies at the National Defense University "to reinvigorate and advance the policy-relevant study of contemporary Asia." The topic she will be working on, "CoCom 2.0? Controls on US Technology Transfer to China," builds directly on her work at Pacific Forum.

Ralph Cossa, President Emeritus and WSD-Handa Chair in Peace Studies retired from his duties as Pacific Forum president to assume his new position while initiating the process of transitioning Pacific Forum to its prior fully-independent status after many years of affiliation with CSIS in Washington. He presided over a number of Handa Chair events, including its inaugural "Conversation on Indo-Asia-Pacific Challenges and Opportunities" featuring former New Zealand Prime Minister John Key. He also 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 Hanoi in March where he reported out the findings of an EEP virtual working group looking at Cybersecurity Confidence Building Measures which he chaired. He subsequently briefed the findings at an ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Informational and Communications Technology/Security. He also prepared a paper on the ARF's progress toward preventive diplomacy which formed the basis of discussion at the 2019 ARF/EEPG meeting in Tokyo. 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-Japan relations and China-Taiwan Cross-Strait relations and wrote reports summarizing the findings of both conferences. He spoke at numerous events in Honolulu, New York, Washington, Geneva, Shanghai, and elsewhere, including several featured commentaries at the Korea Society in New York City. He met with representatives of the DPRK on several occasions, including in Switzerland at the Zermatt Roundtable, where he gave a presentation on US foreign policy in Asia. 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 *The Washington Post*, among others.

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 10: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Disco Bennett (Honolulu)

Disco Bennett, executive director of outreach and government affairs at US Indo-Pacific Command, provided a military perspective of the importance of Hawaii for the security of the United States.

Jan. 17: Honolulu International Forum featuring Ralph Cossa, Carl Baker, and James Kelly (Honolulu)

Annual regional overview featuring President Emeritus James Kelly, Ralph Cossa, and Carl Baker, which provided analysis of major trends of 2017 and a forecast into 2018 for the Indo-Pacific.

Jan. 22-23: CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group (NEEG) (Singapore)

Hosted in partnership with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies and with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this meeting focused on international nuclear governance; nuclear governance in the Indo-Pacific; nuclear safety, security, and safeguards in the Indo-Pacific; the future of nuclear power development in the region; and nuclear trade and knowledge networks.

Jan. 24: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Maya Soetoro Ng (Honolulu)

Dr. Maya Soetoro-Ng, faculty specialist and director of community outreach and global learning at the Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution, led a discussion on leadership styles and peace studies.

Feb. 7: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Peter Notarianni (Honolulu)

Peter Notarianni and Rodney Tanaka, deputy chief of the Mutual Defense Assistance Office of the US Embassy in Tokyo, discussed US-Japan security cooperation and doing business in Japan.

Feb. 13: Honolulu International Forum featuring Andray Abrahamian (Honolulu)

Dr. Andray Abrahamian, research fellow at Pacific Forum and adjunct fellow at the Griffith Asia Institute, discussed the recent histories of North Korea and Myanmar (Burma), how both became pariahs, and why Myanmar has been able to find a path out of isolation while North Korea has not.

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

APAL scholars visited the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency for a tour of the facility and a briefing on the agency's mission by JD Darby and Dan Melton of DPAA.

Feb. 26-27: Workshop on Preventive Diplomacy (Siem Reap)

Hosted by the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace and co-chaired by the Pacific Forum and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) with support from the US State Department Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, this workshop re-examined preventive diplomacy as a concept, debated its evolution, meaning and practice, and provided policy prescriptions for ASEAN vis-à-vis the region's inter-state, intra-state and trans-state security challenges. [*+ Young Leaders Program*]

March 7: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Carl Baker (Honolulu)

Carl Baker, executive director of Pacific Forum, provided an overview of Southeast Asia and ASEAN.

March 21: Annual Board of Governors' luncheon meeting featuring remarks by Richard Armitage (Honolulu)

March 21: Annual Board of Governors' Dinner Fundraiser (Honolulu)

The Board of Governors' dinner and fundraiser for the Young Leaders Program, featuring a "Conversation on US Foreign Policy" with The Honorable Richard Armitage.

March. 22: "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 28: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – East-West Center Site Visit (Honolulu)

APAL scholars visited the East-West Center for a discussion with Karen Knudsen, Director of the Office of External Affairs, on the EWC's mission and programs and Tim Brown, Director of the UNAIDS Collaborating Center at the EWC, on HIV/AIDS and health policy.

April 2: Honolulu International Forum featuring Hung-mao Tien (Honolulu)

Dr. Hung-mao Tien, chairman of the Straits Exchange Foundation and president and board chairman of the Institute for National Policy Research in Taipei, discussed "East Asian Dynamics and Taiwan Challenges."

April 4: CSCAP Study Group on Nonproliferation and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific (Seoul)

This CSCAP Study Group meeting, held in conjunction with the ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional (ARF-ISM) Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament and with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, focused on recent developments in nonproliferation and disarmament, the Korean Peninsula and denuclearization, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), and ways to enhance collaboration between nuclear-armed and non-nuclear-armed states on nuclear risk reduction. [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

April 11: Honolulu International Forum featuring Brad Roberts (Honolulu)

Dr. Brad Roberts, director of the Center for Global Security Research at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, discussed US nuclear posture reviews past and present, with a commentary on the Nuclear Ban Treaty.

April 12-13: US-China Strategic Dialogue (Maui)

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 focused on recent developments in the global and regional strategic environment and the US-China relationship; evolving US and Chinese nuclear strategy; challenges and opportunities in North Korea; and the impact of new technologies. [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

April 13: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Teena Browning (Honolulu)

Dr. Teena Browning, Australian deputy consul general, discussed Australia's efforts to engage Pacific Island nations through development, aid, and educational/economic empowerment, along with how Australia views the competitive dynamic between the US and China.

April 19: Honolulu International Forum featuring Gordon Flake (Honolulu)

Prof. Gordon Flake, founding CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre, discussed the concept of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

April 24: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – APCSS Site Visit (Honolulu)

APAL scholars visited the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) for a briefing on the center's mission and tour of the facility. Additionally, they had the opportunity to attend one of two lecture options: 1) William Wieninger on chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear crises or 2) James Minnich on negotiation and conflict resolution.

May 2: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Project Presentations (Honolulu)

APAL scholars provided a summary of their projects and their experience with the APAL Program.

May 16: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Jim Forbes (Honolulu)

Jim Forbes discussed a broad range of topics related to his thirty years of experience with the State Department and provided insight into working at an US Embassy.

May 30: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Robert Lee (Honolulu)

Maj. Gen. Robert Lee (Ret.) provided a broad overview of cyber security issues and discussed ways in which Hawaii is vulnerable to cyber threats.

May 31: Honolulu International Forum featuring ADM Chen Yeong-Kang (Honolulu)

ADM Chen Yeong-Kang, senior board member at the National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology, discussed the strategic implications of a maritime Indo-Pacific.

June 4-5: Democracies and Alliances in the Indo-Pacific (Tokyo)

Hosted in partnership with the Tama University Center for Rule Making Strategies and with support from the US Embassy in Tokyo, this meeting focused on the meaning and implementation (economic, security, and values-based) of the “Indo-Pacific” concept. The closed-door meeting was followed by public panels in Tokyo, Osaka, and Naha that disseminated the meeting findings. [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

June 6: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Karena Lyons (Honolulu)

New Zealand Consul General Karena Lyons and policy adviser Jake Hamstra discussed New Zealand and Hawaii's position in the region, particularly as a leader in facing the challenges of climate change.

June 8: Honolulu International Forum featuring Robert Potter (Honolulu)

Robert Potter, general manager of With You With Me (WYWM) Cyber, discussed cyber security in the Indo-Pacific.

June 11: "A Conversation on Indo-Asia-Pacific Challenges and Opportunities" with Sir John Key (Honolulu)

Former New Zealand Prime Minister Sir John Key joined Ralph Cossa to unveil the newly established Worldwide Support for Development - Handa Haruhisa Chair in Peace Studies at the Pacific Forum.

June 11: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Sir John Key (Honolulu)

Former New Zealand Prime Minister Sir John Key discussed his experiences in politics and held a roundtable Q&A with APAL scholars and other young professionals.

June 18: Honolulu International Forum featuring Robert Girrier (Honolulu)

RADM Robert Girrier (Ret.), incoming president of Pacific Forum, provided perspectives on the South China Sea.

July 25-26: Seminar on Strategic Trade Controls in Southeast Asia (Hanoi)

The Pacific Forum and the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, with support from the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program, hosted discussions focused on structures of strategic trade control (STC) systems and the status of national STC implementation in Southeast Asia.

Aug. 7-8: Fifth US-ROK-Japan Trilateral Strategic Dialogue (Maui)

This DTRA-sponsored dialogue track 1.5 dialogue explored US, ROK, and Japanese thinking about changes in relations with North Korea, extended deterrence, and ways to strengthen trilateral security cooperation. A two-move tabletop exercise (TTX) was conducted that dealt with radically different outcomes in negotiations with Pyongyang. [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

Aug. 10: Honolulu International Forum featuring Brad Glosserman (Honolulu)

Brad Glosserman, deputy director and visiting professor at the Center for Rule Making Strategies at Tama University and a senior advisor to Pacific Forum, provided regional views on US foreign policy in the Indo-Pacific.

Aug. 14: Honolulu International Forum featuring Michael Goldman (Honolulu)

Michael Goldman, Charge d' Affaires for the United States Embassy of Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga, and Tuvalu, provided US perspectives on security and political developments in the South Pacific.

Oct. 17: Honolulu International Forum featuring Satu Limaye (Honolulu)

Dr. Satu Limaye, director of the East-West Center in Washington, discussed America's Indo-Pacific aspirations & the anxieties of regional states.

Oct. 22: USCSCAP Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)

USCSCAP held its annual membership meeting in Washington, DC, where members received updates on ARF and ADMM+ activities. Abraham Denmark (Wilson Center) and Satu Limaye (East-West Center in Washington) provided remarks on "Understanding the Indo-Pacific Strategy" in a panel chaired by Pacific Forum President Robert Girrier.

Oct. 22: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Ketty Loeb (Honolulu)

Dr. Ketty Loeb, grants & research manager in the City & County of Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency, discussed sustainability and resiliency efforts in Hawaii and the Indo-Pacific.

Nov. 7-8: Workshop on Strategic Trade Controls in the Asia-Pacific (Kaohsiung)

Co-hosted with Chengchi University's Institute for International Relations and I-Shou University's Department of Public Policy and Management and with support from the Taiwan Coast Guard, Prospect Foundation, Ocean Affairs Council, and the US State Department's Export Control and Related Border Security Program, this seminar focused on outreach programs in the Indo-Pacific, proliferation finance controls, issues associated with technology controls and transfers, the relationship between foreign policy and nonproliferation goals, and transit/transshipment and port security.

Nov. 14: Hawaii Asia-Pacific Affairs Leadership Program – Lauren K. Moriarty (Honolulu)

Amb. Lauren K. Moriarty, former US Ambassador to APEC & Former Dean of Academics at APCSS, provided frames for thinking about international affairs.

Nov. 26-27: Regional Strategic Stability and Nuclear Risk Reduction in Northeast Asia (Vladivostok)

Co-hosted with the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies (CENESS) and in partnership with Chinese foreign-policy think tanks, and with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, this inaugural Russia-US-China trilateral dialogue focused on the roles and responsibilities of Russia, the United States, and China in the international strategic landscape; the DPRK's nuclear and missile developments and the impact on strategic stability; past efforts to address the DPRK problem; the recent "Spring Summitry" approach and what comes after; lessons from the JCPOA; and ways to build regional security architecture in Northeast Asia.

Dec. 5-6: US-Australia Indo-Pacific Deterrence Dialogue (Canberra)

Co-hosted with the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, this track 1.5 US-Australia dialogue explored issues related to deterring grey zone coercion, strengthening conventional deterrence, the evolving nuclear order, the role of emerging technologies, and advancing deterrence through the alliance and partner network, particularly towards an integrated deterrence strategy for the ANZUS alliance. [+ *Young Leaders Program*]

Dec. 6: Honolulu International Forum featuring Ralph Cossa (Honolulu)

Ralph Cossa, WSD Handa chair for peace studies at the Pacific Forum, provided a presentation on North Korea.

Dec. 10-11: STEM and National Security (Tokyo)

Hosted in partnership with the Tama University Center for Rule Making Strategies and with the support of the US Embassy in Tokyo, this meeting focused on a range of STEM-related topics, from the importance of STEM for national security to the role of women in STEM and national security, STEM education in the United States and Japan, challenges in promoting STEM, cybersecurity, and prospects for US-Japan cooperation in STEM fields. The closed-door meeting was followed by a series of public panels in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Nara focused on women's participation in STEM and national security fields.

Dec. 11-12: 6th Myanmar-US Nonproliferation Dialogue (Nay Pyi Taw)

Hosted in coordination with the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies and with support from the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, this dialogue focused on current and future directions of Myanmar's relationship with the US and the West; implementation of nuclear non-proliferation instruments and nuclear and radiological safety and security protocols, implementation of the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions, strategic trade controls and UN sanctions; the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCOB), and opportunities and challenges for enhancing Myanmar's role in ASEAN nonproliferation networks.

Dec. 12-14: Workshop on “Strengthening the National Capacity on Nonproliferation, Disarmament and Implementation of Peaceful Uses” (Jakarta)

Hosted in cooperation with the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the support of the US Department Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration under a contract administered by Los Alamos National Laboratory, this dialogue focused on nonproliferation and nuclear safeguard regimes, disarmament regimes, national experiences and regional implications of implementing nonproliferation, counterterrorism, Indonesian policy towards nonproliferation, and peaceful uses of nuclear and dual use technology.

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