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Success Story: Sharing-Economy Media Tour Leads Alumna Lucy Gao Down a Path Previously Not Taken



Blogger Lucy Gao (left) visits Meetup as a part of Sharing Economy Reporting Tour

In October 2014, at the invitation of U.S. Consulate Toronto, activist blogger Lucy Gao joined the Sharing-Economy Media Tour organized by the Department of State's Washington Press Center. During this 10-day reporting tour Gao and her cohorts spanned the United States, traveling to New York City, Las Vegas and San Francisco. She participated in on-the-record meetings with entrepreneurs, prominent sharing-economy enterprises, members of the academic community, and local and state government officials. Through these meetings Gao deepened her understanding of the sharing economy and its critical role in both the U.S. and global economies. Tour members also visited U.S.-based companies that represent the vanguard of the sharing economy, both in the United States and abroad. Gao tweeted resolutely from her meetings and blogged boisterously about the companies on her group's

itinerary. She talked at length about the New York Fiscal Policy Institute, where she and her colleagues engaged Institute members in an exciting, educational discussion about how the sharing economy affects the job market, unions, and the labor force. Gao said she had learned valuable lessons from visits to companies such as Meetup, Zappos, TechCrunch and Uber.

Upon her return to Canada, Lucy published a series of blog articles on [Collaborative Consumption](#), describing the companies and cities she visited in the United States. She collaborated with several websites and companies to publish her articles, and looked for other ways as well to share the knowledge she acquired during the tour.

The Press Center's well-wrought media tour sharpened Gao's interest in the sharing economy, whetting her appetite for a deeper experience of this burgeoning business field. Gao even quit her job in Canada and joined a ride-sharing company called BlaBlaCar -- in Paris, no less.

"I just wanted to thank you again for all your help and support," Gao said to the Public Affairs team at the U.S. Consulate Toronto. "The trip definitely helped me meet some incredible people, companies, and made me realize that the sharing-economy field is where I want to be."

Cultural exchanges bring change – often dramatic change. Just ask Lucy Gao. Best of luck to her as she moves on to new adventures in Paris.

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By Mr. Johnny P. McPherson, 2009 IVLP Alumnus



"Promoting Mutual Understanding" is the U.S. Department of State's catch phrase for describing their International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). To put this motto into action, the United States government invites program participants from around the world to visit the United States and to have meetings with American counterparts in their professional fields of interest and to experience American culture.

Involvement in the program can end there with this incredible and often life-changing experience, but IVLP participants become lifelong members of a global network of IVLP alumni and often seek out ways to continue to promote mutual understanding among all countries.

In this spirit USG exchange grantees established the IVLP Alumni Network of the Americas (IANA). In this spirit Johnny McPherson (that's me) of Canada co-founded the Atlantic Canada State Alumni Network (ACSAN). Modesto Guggiari of Paraguay and I quickly became friends after we met at the premier IANA conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and this eventually led to an invitation for Modesto to visit me in Nova Scotia. He came! And so did his wonderful wife Viviana!

Between June 23 and July 3 of 2015, we had our own mini-IVLP with a packed itinerary. Some notable events included:

- A dinner with IVLP and Fulbright alumni, hosted by the ACSAN;
- A celebration of U.S Independence Day, hosted by the U.S. Consulate in Halifax, where Modesto and Viviana were introduced to many honored guests including their Honors, the Lieutenant Governor to Nova Scotia, Mr. J.J. Grant and his wife Ms. Joan Grant; the Honorable Kelly Regan, Minister of Labor and Advanced Education for Nova Scotia and her husband the Honorable Geoff Regan, federal Member of Parliament for Halifax West; Ms. Maria Osende, Fulbright alumna and dancer extraordinaire; and, of course, the most incredible Mr. Scott Whitmore, Acting Principal Officer of the United States of America and his wonderful spouse Ms. Hazira Whitmore;
- Dinner at Mr. and Ms. Whitmore's residence (Wow! That guy knows how to BBQ);
- A "Down East Kitchen Party" at my home with more than 50 guests;
- A visit to Owen and Sue-Ellen McCarron's cattle ranch in Antigonish (Modesto has a great interest in cattle ranching);
- Sight-seeing at Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore, a nature-watching cruise out of Halifax Harbour, and a visit to Canada's first legislature building and other landmarks. We even paddled a canoe on the historic Shubie Canal;
- With an invitation from LCdr. Derek Vallis, a VIP viewing of The Nova Scotia International Tattoo (<http://www.nstatattoo.ca/about-us/what-is-a-tattoo>);
- And on Canada Day we attended a citizenship ceremony to watch 38 people become new Canadian citizens. My daughter Emily and I also took the oath to reaffirm our citizenship. Afterwards we posed for photos alongside Royal Canadian Mounted Police Staff Sergeant Major Gary LaTour – who looked resplendent in his red serge.

Modesto and Viviana came as friends. They left as family. The IVLP program has been an incredible experience for me, and many alumni have become part of my extended family. I encourage other alumni to reach out to the global IVLP alumni network and find ways to promote mutual understanding on a personal level.



IVLP, Modesto Guggiari (right) and his wife Viviana Guggiari (left) are introduced to the Honourable Kelly Regan (second from left) and the Honourable Geoff Regan (second from right) by IVLP, Johnny McPherson (Centre).



Members of the Atlantic Canada State Alumni Network presented CG Richard Riley with a memento of his time in Canada.

ACSAN Meets Acting Office Director of Canada Desk

On May 12, 2015, American Consul General Halifax Richard Riley invited members of the Atlantic Canada State Alumni Network to meet Karen Choe-Fichte, Acting Office Director of the Department of State Canada Desk in Washington, D.C. The Alumni, who represent a diverse group of interests, were able to give an informative overview of many issues in Atlantic Canada. They also took the opportunity to present CG Riley with a parting gift to thank him for his outstanding work in Atlantic Canada over the last three years.

Alumnus and Family Move to Haiti

2013 IVLP Alumnus Robin Churchill and his wife Beth are both retired RCMP officers who adopted two Haitian children following the 2010 earthquake. Now this Middle Sackville family is getting ready to start a new adventure and move to Haiti. Beth and Robin will work with a Christian development organization called West Indies Self Help (WISH). They plan on relocating to the island of la Gonâve by September 8th, 2015. To read an article published by the CBC, click [here](#).

Montreal

Montreal Alumna on Jury to Mark the 40th Anniversary of Quebec's Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms



Based on her long-term commitment to social and community involvement, Montreal 2014 Entrepreneurship and Innovation IVLP alumna, Carla Beauvais was chosen recently to be part of the five-person jury that will select the 40 people to be honored by Quebec's Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse (Human Rights and Youth Rights Commission) to mark the 40th anniversary of Quebec's Charte des droits et libertés de la personne (Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms). She joins Montreal's beloved doctor Gilles Julien and others on the impressive jury, chaired by Louise Arbour, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Commission is looking for individuals who work to advance rights and freedoms in Quebec, both in and out of the limelight. The jury will unveil the 40 laureates in the fall of 2015.

Startup Weekend Alumna Attends the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Nairobi

Karine Bassette is a young Haitian-Canadian entrepreneur who participated in U.S. Embassy Ottawa's first Startup Weekend in June 2014. Following a nomination by U.S. Embassy Ottawa, she was selected to join President Barack Obama and entrepreneurs from around the world at the 6th Global Entrepreneurship Summit, taking place in Nairobi, Kenya, on July 25-26. President Obama led the U.S. delegation and joined approximately 1,200 attendees, including entrepreneurs, educators, investors, government officials, and business representatives. Ms. Bassette met with media to discuss this amazing opportunity at a roundtable on Thursday, July 9, at Notman House, a Montreal tech incubator.



Ottawa

Denise Siele Receives 2015 Forty Under 40 award

Congratulations to entrepreneur and International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) alumna Denise Siele on being named one of the 2015 Forty Under 40 recipients!

Created by the Ottawa Business Journal, Forty Under 40 recognizes leaders under the age of 40 who give back to their community. Denise is the Founding Director and Managing Partner of SEMgroup, a full service strategic events firm based in Ottawa. She is also Director of Strategic Initiatives and Operations at Equal Voice. Denise received her award on June 18, 2015, surrounded by her family and friends.

Youth Ambassador Alumna has Great Success with *Girls Aloud* Group

Brianna Dabrowski participated in the 2014 Youth Ambassadors Program along with 17 other Canadian high school students. Upon her return, Brianna created the Girls Aloud Youth Empowerment group to inspire young girls in her community. The Group invites prominent guests to speak about their own careers to the girls, offering suggestions and inspiration, explaining how to set reasonable goals and how to reach them.

Since the launch of Girls Aloud, Brianna has invited guest speakers from all walks of life. But her greatest success story so far might be the event she organized at Carleton University, in which more than 70 girls from grades 11 and 12 heard prominent Canadian entrepreneurs share their career experiences. Click [here](#) to read more about this fantastic event. If you are interested in hearing more about Girls Aloud, please email alumnicanada@state.gov.

Erica Bregman, 2011 IVLP Alumna, Launches “Kids Can Code” Workshop for Youth with Help from the U.S. Embassy’s Public Affairs Grants Program.

With the help from the U.S. Embassy’s Public Affairs Grants Program, 2009 IVLP alumna Erica Bregman organized a coding workshop for youth from the Ottawa region which brought together one-hundred youth, parents and educators to learn about free beginners’ coding apps for kids. American Keynote Speaker Jeff Sweeton, from Code Create, spoke about low threshold and high ceiling maker tools available for kids to learn how to code and have fun. City Councillor & Deputy Mayor Mark Taylor gave inspiring remarks about the importance of working collaboratively and thinking outside the box. He was followed by guest speakers Dr. Hanan Anis from the uOttawa Makerspace and Rola Tibshirani from the Ottawa Catholic Schoolboard. The evening also gave parents and kids an opportunity to learn about the launch of the Britannia Woods Maker Space Camp from August 11-14, 2015, and the opening on the Maker Space itself on August 15, 2015. The U.S. Embassy is proud to support youth engagement through interactive and educational programs such as Kids Can Code.



Time
Tuesday, July 28
6 PM - 9 PM

Location
Southway Hotel
2431 Bank St.

Speaker
Jeffery Sweeton
Founder,
CodeCreate.us

Free Admission & Parking
Refreshments
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SOFTWARE - This workshop is designed to **engage youth, parents, educators and community partners** to better identify and interact with free beginners’ coding apps for kids such as **Scratch (ages 8-16)** and **Scratch Junior (ages 5-7)**. Results in the creation of **customized projects** online in more than **40 languages**.

HARDWARE - Community-based projects such as **The Global Cardboard Challenge** in Chicago integrate simple code, circuit boards, cardboard, colors and fabrics to create fun, easy and unique inventions. **Designed to increase self-confidence, communication and collaboration skills.**

3D MAKING - Discover how you can bring 3-D design and 3-D printers to your communities. Join **#ScratchDay** and the **#MakerMovement** today!

Special performance by Royal Ritchie Drummers led by Hamid Ayoub
Coming soon: **Maker Space @ Britannia Woods 15.08.2015**



Keynote Speaker Jeff Sweeton, Code Create; Mark Taylor, City Councillor & Deputy Mayor; Mohamed Sofa, Executive Director of Britannia Woods; and Erica Bregman, Networking for Youth Project Coordinator, Jewish Family Services.



Children and their parents at the “Tech Playground” learn about software and hardware tools on display such as 3D printers, Lego Mindstorms and Makey-Makey boards.



Toronto

Former IVLP Alumnus, Gary Pieters, Writes about the Diversity of the Pan Am and Parapan Am Host City

By U.S. Consulate Toronto Public Affairs Intern Elizaveta Klimenko

In his July 12, 2015, *Huffington Post* article, "The Pan Am Games Has Brought the City of Toronto to Life," former alumnus of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), Gary Pieters, describes the rich cultural distinctiveness of Toronto that adds to the luster of the Pan Am and the Parapan Am Games. An educator, social-policy commentator, and a community volunteer, Pieters highlighted how the Pan Am Games have accentuated Canada's diversity, bringing together people of all ages, cultures, genders, and nationalities. This diversity gives Toronto an ambience of warmth and hospitality as it welcomes the thousands of athletes and tourists arriving for the Games from all over the Western Hemisphere. Polyglot Pan Am volunteers, representing a rich array of cultural and ethnic traditions, add to the charm of the city, providing information and offering assistance to visitors from afar.

As part of the IVLP program, in January 2007, Gary Pieters joined the U.S. Consulate General in Toronto in hosting a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day program. IVLP is a professional exchange program funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, whose mission is to provide current and emerging international leaders the opportunity to experience the diversity of America on all levels, through professional exchanges, which build on the participants' professional interests and overlap with the public diplomacy objectives of the U.S. Government. As a volunteer with a focus on equity, diversity, inclusion, and human rights, Pieters continues to advocate respect for diversity. The Panam and Parapan Games have become a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the cultural richness of Toronto.

To read "The Pan Am Games Has Brought the City of Toronto to Life," please click [here](#).



Left, Gary Pieters at USA Day

Winnipeg

Alumnus Organizes Winnipeg's First Day of Remembrance and Reconciliation

By Denys Volkov, 2007 IVLP Alumnus

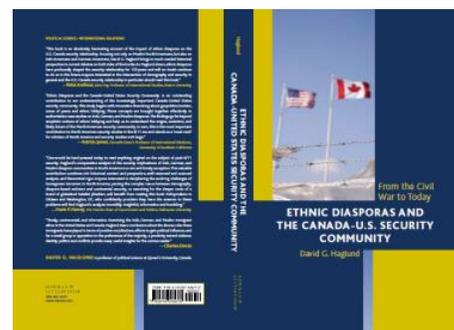
The first Day of Remembrance and Reconciliation, in memory of those who lost their lives in World War II, took place in Winnipeg on May 8th. This day, special for millions of people, was designated by Resolution 59/26 of the United Nations General Assembly on November 22, 2004. The local event was organized by IVLP alumnus Denys Volkov and Ruslan Zeleniuk with the support of the Ukrainian-Canadian Congress (Manitoba Provincial Council), as well as the members of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, the Association of Russian-speaking Manitobans, the Canadian Polish Congress (Manitoba District), and other volunteers and community members. Lawrence Toet, Member of Parliament from Elmwood-Transcona brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Canada. Minister Melanie Wight spoke on behalf of the Province of Manitoba. Member of Parliament Joyce Bateman also attended. Robert Gabor spoke on behalf of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg and reflected on the unimaginable loss the Jewish people suffered during World War II. Mr. Gabor said "The loss of all the people in all the nations is so great to fathom that we sometimes lose sight that these people were so much more than a number." Oksana Bondarchuk (Ukrainian Canadian Congress) and Grazyna Galezowska (Canadian Polish Congress) also spoke on the significance of this day in the context of the current crisis in Ukraine. Christopher Gunning, Consul of the United States of America in Winnipeg, provided a written statement highlighting that "We learned our lesson well - that courage and cooperation by right-minded people are the bulwark against tyranny."

Professor Myroslav Shkandrij from the University of Manitoba gave the keynote speech at the event, which focused on the complexities of World War II for many Eastern European nations. Professor Shkandrij said, "For many countries there could be no 'simple' victory." For Eastern Europeans neither the war nor the suffering under totalitarian rule ended in 1945. Most of these countries found themselves dominated by rulers who were directed by the Kremlin and who accepted a totalitarian creed. According to Professor Shkandrij, it would take another 44 years before "a break out of this cul-de-sac was possible.". As the people of Ukraine are currently suffering due to the Russian invasion, which has been ongoing since 2014, the symbol of the event was chosen to be the Remembrance Day poppy.

Radio interviews on CJOB and CBC with event organizers and participants are available at: www.ukrainianwinnipeg.ca.

Book Publishings

- Professor David Haglund recently published a book on Canada-U.S. security relations, titled *Ethnic Diasporas and The Canada-U.S. Security Community*.
- Barbara Orsen recently published *Feminine Capital: Unlocking the Power of Women Entrepreneurs*.



Atlas Corps Fellowship: Seeking Applicants!

Are you interested in the nonprofit/NGO/social sector and looking for an experience in the United States?

The White House Emerging Global Leaders Initiative-Atlas Corps Fellowship is seeking civil society leaders around the globe to apply for a 6-18 month professional fellowship and training on non-profit management.

Eligibility criteria:

- 2 or more years of relevant experience in the nonprofit/NGO/social sector
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- English proficiency (oral, writing, reading)
- 35 years or younger
- Apply to serve in a country other than where you are from (U.S. citizens are not eligible for the U.S. Fellowship – check out our Fellowship in Colombia!)
- Commitment to return to your home country after the 6-18 month fellowship

There are three fellowships: January, May and September. Although the priority deadline for the January Fellowship was July 15, applications are taken year round on a rolling basis. For more information and to apply, please visit: <http://www.atlascorps.org/apply.php>

Fulbright Community

Fulbright Canada's competition for [American Scholars](#) and [Students](#) is open! You will find more information on our specific programs below. Awards for [American Students](#) follows.

Awards for American Scholars

Applicants can apply to the:

- Ø [Distinguished Chairs Program](#): US\$35,000 for one semester (4 months)
- Ø [Visiting Research Chairs Program](#): US\$25,000 for one semester (4 months)
- Ø [Traditional \(All Disciplines\) Award](#): US\$12,500 for one semester (4 months), or US\$25,000 for a full academic year (9 months)
- Ø [Postdoctoral Research Award](#): US\$30,000 for one academic year (9 months), or US\$50,000 for a full calendar year (12 months)
- Ø [Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies](#): US\$12,500 for one semester in Canada plus US\$2,300 per month in Mexico
- Ø [Specialist Program](#): Short-term collaboration on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities at Canadian institutions.

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Instructional video: [Awards for US Scholars](#)

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Core Facts about the awards

- The Fulbright Canada competition for American scholars is now open, and closes **August 3, 2015**
- The competition is for awards taken up September 2016 and/or January 2017

Eligibility

- Candidates must be U.S. citizens,
- Hold a Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree as appropriate. Candidates outside academia (e.g., professionals, artists) with recognized professional standing and substantial professional accomplishments are also eligible
- Be proficient in English

Awards for American Students**Graduate Students can apply to the:**

- Ø Traditional Fulbright student awards: US\$15,000 for one nine-month academic year. These all-discipline awards can be taken up at any college, university, think tank, or government agency in Canada.
- Ø Fulbright-mtvU Fellowships: Grants are for one nine-month academic year. Projects should center around research on an aspect of international musical culture, and should focus on contemporary or popular music as a cultural force for expression or change.
- Ø Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Awards: Valued at US\$120,000 for three academic years, this award is for students in STEM fields who wish to study at one of six top-ranked partner research institutions in Canada.
- Ø Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowships: Grants are for one nine-month academic year. Digital storytelling projects (using text, photography, video, audio, graphic illustrations, and/or social media) can take place in up to three countries on a globally significant theme.

Core Facts about the awards

- Fulbright Canada competition for American graduate students is now open, and closes on **October 13, 2015**
- The competition is for awards taken up for one 9-month academic year starting September 2016

Eligibility

- Candidates must be American citizens,
- Be in receipt of a bachelor's degree prior to the proposed start date of the grant

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Fulbright Canada at a glance:

- With approximately 360,000 Fulbright alumni in more than 155 countries, the Fulbright program is the gold standard in academic exchange and a leader in public diplomacy.
- The Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America (Fulbright Canada) is a binational, treaty-based, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization with a mandate to identify the best and brightest minds in both countries and engage them in residential academic exchange.
- The mandate of Fulbright Canada is to enhance mutual understanding between the people of Canada and the people of the United States of America by providing support to outstanding individuals. These individuals conduct research, lecture, or enroll in formal academic programs in the other country. In doing so, Fulbright Canada aims to grow intellectual capacity, increase productivity, and assist in the shaping of future leaders.
- [For more information](#)

2015-2017 Fulbright Arctic Initiative Scholars

<p>Dr. Michael Sfraga (Co-Lead Scholar) <i>United States</i> Vice Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Professor of Arctic Policy School of Natural Resources and Extension</p>	<p>Dr. Ross A. Virginia (Co-Lead Scholar) <i>United States</i> Director, Institute of Arctic Studies Myers Family Professor of Environmental Science Professor of Environmental Studies Adjunct Professor of Biological Sciences and Earth Sciences</p>	<p>Dr. Tom Arnbom <i>Sweden</i> Senior Conservation Officer, WWF Sweden Discipline: Biological Sciences Research Topic: An international management agreement for walrus to benefit conservation of the species and the need of indigenous people Host: Dartmouth College and University of Alaska, Fairbanks</p>
<p>Ms. Susan Chatwood <i>Canada</i> Executive and Scientific Director, Institute for Circumpolar Health Research Assistant Professor, Dalla Lana school of Public Health University of Toronto Discipline: Public/Global Health Research Topic: Developing quality indicators for national health system performance Host: University of California, Los Angeles</p>	<p>Dr. Linda Chamberlain <i>United States</i> Founding Director and Public Health Scientist, Alaska Family Violence Prevention Project Adjunct Professor University of Alaska Discipline: Public/Global Health Research Topic: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and resilience in the Arctic Host: TBD - Finland</p>	<p>Ms. Asli Dis <i>Sweden</i> Research Fellow, Royal Institute of Technology Discipline: Urban Planning Research Topic: Settlements on the move: Transformation, adaptation, and resilience of critical urban infrastructure in the light of a changing climate Host: University of Alaska, Fairbanks</p>
<p>Dr. Gunhild Gjrv <i>Norway</i> Professor University of Troms- The Arctic University of Norway Research Associate, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) Discipline: Political Science Research Topic: Security and governance in the Arctic: A focus on energy and people Host: University of Washington</p>	<p>Dr. Gwen Holdmann <i>United States</i> Director, Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) Discipline: Engineering Research Topic: How local energy development can support healthy, sustainable communities – Lessons learned from Iceland’s energy policies Host: National Energy Association of Iceland</p>	<p>Dr. Tamara Harms <i>United States</i> Assistant Professor, College of Natural Science and Math University of Alaska, Fairbanks Discipline: Biological Sciences Research Topic: Characterizing trends in stream discharge across the Arctic Host: University of Umea, Sweden</p>
<p>Dr. Noor Johnson <i>United States</i> Senior Advisor, Office of International Relations at the Smithsonian Adjunct Professor Brown University Discipline: Anthropology Research Topic: Knowledge and consultation practices in offshore oil and gas decision-making in Baffin Bay, Canada Host: University of Alberta, Canada</p>	<p>Dr. Anne Hansen <i>Denmark</i> Associate Professor, The Danish Center for Environmental Assessment Aalborg University Research Associate, Centre for Innovation and Research Discipline: Environmental Sciences Research Topic: Sustainable resource development and community impacts Host: University of Alaska, Fairbanks</p>	<p>Dr. Trevor Lantz <i>Canada</i> Assistant Professor, School of Environmental Studies University of Victoria Discipline: Environmental Sciences Research Topic: Ecological change and Arctic cultural landscapes: Mapping resilience and vulnerability Host: University of Hawaii, Manoa</p>
<p>Dr. Bjarni Magnsson <i>Iceland</i> Assistant Professor Reykjavik University School of Law Discipline: Law Research Topic: International law issues related to energy Host: Duke University</p>	<p>Dr. Laura Sokka <i>Finland</i> Senior Scientist, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Ltd. Discipline: Environmental Sciences Research Topic: Sustainable strategies for the use of forest-based energy in the Arctic region – Identifying opportunities and limitations Host: Stanford University</p>	<p>Ms. Susanna “Itty” Neuhaus-Schuck <i>United States</i> Associate Professor, School of Fine and Performing Arts State University of New York at New Paltz Discipline: Art Research Topic: Monument to an iceberg: A science and art collaboration Host: Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada</p>
<p>Dr. Maria Tysiachniouk <i>Russia</i> Researcher and Chair, Center for Independent Social Research Discipline: Sociology Research Topic: Developing global standards in the Arctic: toward sustainability of indigenous</p>	<p>Dr. Gregory Poelzer <i>Canada</i> Associate Professor, Department of Political Studies University of Saskatchewan Discipline: Political Science Research Topic: Creating northern capacity to build sustainable futures through energy and mineral</p>	<p>Dr. Øystein Varpe <i>Norway</i> Associate Professor, Department of Arctic Biology University Centre in Svalbard Adjunct Researcher Akvaplan-niva (Troms, Norway) Discipline: Biological Sciences</p>

communities in the areas of resource extraction Host: University of Washington	development Host: University of Alaska, Anchorage	Research Topic: The seasonal ecology of Arctic marine ecosystems: fundamentals, multidisciplinary approaches, and relevance to society Host: Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution
Dr. Niels Vestergaard <i>Denmark</i> Professor and Chair, Department of Environmental and Business Economics University of Southern Denmark Discipline: Economics Research Topic: Bio-economic analysis for Arctic marine resource governance and policy Host: University of California, Santa Barbara		

International Exchange Alumni

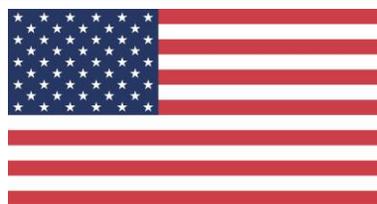
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