

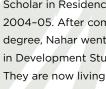
A NOTE FROM CARLA LINEBACK

DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

I'm happy to share this edition of the alumni newsletter. In addition to the news and updates from alumni, I am excited to let you know that the online alumni community and directory has a new look! The platform just released "the next generation," which has better functionality. If you haven't already, I encourage you to register at connect.sit.edu now. This is the place to go to receive and post events information, news, jobs, and best of all, use the customizable and searchable alumni directory.

I love it when alumni stop by campus to say hello! I had a lovely visit from Salehuddin and Nahar Ahmed, PIM 60 Intercultural Management 2000. Salehuddin was a Fulbright Scholar in Residence at SIT in 2004-05. After completing her SIT degree, Nahar went on to earn a PhD in Development Studies in China. They are now living in Texas.

If you know of an SIT alum who is not receiving our news, please ask them to reach out to me.









MAT ALUMNI MEET IN JAPAN

Alumni Engagement Assistant Clifford Ohrnberger, PIM 74 candidate in international education, went to Japan in November to meet with alumni and prospective students. His trip was a collaboration of several departments at SIT and The Experiment in International Living. While there, he met with SIT Study Abroad alumni as well as with SIT Graduate Institute alumni and prospective MAT students. Among them were:

Shari Joy Berman, MAT 10 TESOL 1979, now associate professor of English Education at Hirosaki University. Originally hired to inaugurate an English language learning center, she immediately began a medical course there in 2012. Shari was president of the Tokyo chapter of the Japan Association for Language Teaching for three years and national program chair for two.

Tim Cook, MAT 15 TESOL 1984, is teaching English conversation, reading. and writing at Iwaki Meisei University. A former on-camera instructor of distance learning foreign language courses, Tim treated distance learning instruction as a performing art. His goal is to run an organic farm in Japan, recruiting volunteers in exchange for teaching them English and Japanese, while teaching Japanese by Internet video to students worldwide.

Steve Cornwell, MAT 23 TESOL 1992, is vice president and professor of English and Interdisciplinary Studies at Osaka Jogakuin College. He helped write and design courses for the New School's MA TESOL program and teaches in the online portion of the program.

Valerie Hansford, MAT 28 TESOL 1996, started her career as an English instructor for a conversation school in Tokyo. She now teaches English and content-based courses in English at Soka University. She graduated from University of Manitoba in 1991 with her bachelor's degree in applied economics.

Ian Nakamura, JMAT 1 TESOL 1994, is professor emeritus at the Centre for Liberal Arts and Language Education at Okayama University.

Robert Sanderson, SMAT 19 TESOL 2002, received his bachelor's in history from the University of Colorado. He teaches at Kindai, Osaka Jogakuin, and Hannan Universities Bob has been president of the Osaka Chapter of the Japan Association for Language Teaching for the past 17 years.

Joseph Shaules, SMAT 12 TESOL 1994, is director at The Japan Intercultural Institute. He has worked in intercultural education in Japan, Mexico, and Europe for more than 25 years. Joseph also teaches intercultural communication at the Keio University International Center and is the Japan Specialist for Intercultures, a consulting and training company based in Germany.

Diane Larsen-Freeman, SIT professor emerita, was the keynote speaker at the Japan Association of Language Teaching (JALT) Conference and attended the alumni gathering. Diane has been director of the English Language Institute at the University of Michigan since 2002. She is the author of eight books and has made presentations in 65 countries. She a visiting senior fellow at the University of Pennsylvania.

ALUMNI NEWS

Tamara "Sasha" Adkins, WIP 17 International Studies 1995, is teaching at the Institute of Environmental Sustainability at Loyola University Chicago and recently published From Disposable Culture to Disposable People: The Unintended Consequences of Plastics.

Karen Bauer, PIM 61 International Education 2001, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Department of State in recognition of her "contribution to promoting higher education in the United States through the diligence and excellent customer service you provided to multiple UAE governmentsponsored students and teacher groups in summer 2018." She also presented "New Internationalization Potential in the Middle East, Expanding Campus Goals" at the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) Conference in San Francisco in January.

Ina (Paiva) Cordle, WIP 4 International Studies 1977, is managing editor of The Real Deal South Florida. She spent 19 years as a business reporter at the *Miami Herald*.

Anne Dodge, Experiment Italy 1969 and PIM 32 International Administration 1984, joined the Peace Corps after SIT and worked as a consultant around the world. She and her husband, Charles Kennedy, Experiment France 1960, are now retired and spend their winters in southern France.

Deniece Dortch, PIM 64 Intercultural Service, Leadership and Management 2004, is a diversity scholar who strives to understand how African American

undergraduate and graduate students experience and respond to race and racism at predominantly white institutions. Deniece is on the faculty at George Washington University and has been interviewed on National Public Radio, PBS, and other media organizations.



Adam Freed, PIM 75 International Education 2015, has written an article, "Achieving Great Study Abroad Diversity Should Begin in Human Resources," which was published in Diversity Abroad. He was also asked to co-chair the Education Abroad Knowledge Community for the Michigan Association of International Educators (MAIE.) He wrote, "I'm so grateful to SIT, the faculty, and my cohort for giving me a firm foundation in experiential education and a deep knowledge of education abroad. I wouldn't be doing what I do without SIT."

Congratulations to Andrea Gaytan, MAT 29 TESOL 1997, who is the new dean at Sacramento City College Davis Center. She has been at University of California, Davis, since 2009 as director of the AB 540 and Undocumented Student Center. Andrea has two children.

Prudence Ingerman, SMAT 19 TESOL 2000, retired from teaching five years ago but continues to stay busy! She has written 13 books and knits 6-inch dolls called Peace Pals which are given to lonely and needy children around the world (see knitting4peace.org). She continues to train teachers at a school in Guatemala and has knitting groups there and in Ecuador. (Photo left)

Maryanna (Phillips) Koehring, MAT 30 French Certification and ESOL 1998, has started englishforthejob.com, helping businesses with their English language programs. Her business offers curriculum development and English language instruction. You can connect with her on the alumni community and directory at connect.sit.edu.



Susan (Batchelder) Plimpton, ICT 1 1967, Experimenter Sweden 1963, Group Leader Italy 1968, and Chair Emerita of the World Learning Inc. Board of Trustees, has received the Global Minnesota Ambassador Award. Having served nine years on the board of directors of Global Minnesota, she was instrumental in creating their 2012-17 strategic plan and continues to share her expertise as an honorary director. (Photo above)

Joshua Plotkin, TESOL Cert 2011, spent three years teaching English in Brazil after completing his TESOL course in Mexico. He is still in Brazil, but now has his own business, BrazilianGringo.com, which helps Americans and other foreigners interested in teaching English in Brazil to learn Portuguese, which is the biggest barrier to achieving long-term success in Brazil.

Jacob Renze, PIM 69 International Education 2009, has started a new Spanish immersion preschool in Minneapolis with his wife and a friend. Academia Elze was founded on the idea that all children should have access to equitable, quality education regardless of ethnic, linguistic, or economic background.

Chantal Sheehan, PIM 67 Development Management 2007 and former World Learning Inc. student trustee, started her own company to help nonprofits and small business executives deepen their understanding of finance. Realizing that there was a greater need, she founded Blue Fox, a coaching consultancy offering a full range of back office support services.

Katharina Zellweger, PIM 46 Intercultural Management 1990, manages the Hong Kong-based KorAid Limited, an NGO she established to focus on serving children in institutions and people with disabilities in North Korea and in China. She is also a visiting fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University in California.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Bruce Dayton, chair of SIT's Peace and Justice Leadership degree, spoke to Leaders Advancing Democracy— Mongolia's environment and urbanization team on "Conflict Management and Change Leadership." LEAD Mongolia is a program of World Learning made possible by support from USAID Mongolia.

Dr. Alvino E. Fantini, professor emeritus, has published a book related to World Learning Inc. and the Federation of The Experiment in International Living, Intercultural Communicative Competence in Educational Exchange: A Multinational Perspective. (Routledge, 2018). The work includes two research projects exploring the nature of intercultural communicative competence, its development during intercultural exchange programs (both summer Experiment and Academic Study Abroad programs), and the impact of

these experiences on the lives of alumni up to 20 years later. Read more on the SIT blog and in this column by Alvino, published during International Education Week in the Brattleboro Reformer.

International Education Assistant Professor Dr. Alla Korzh presented her co-authored publication, Transnational Activism of Young Ukrainian Immigrants, at the University of Oxford in October and she has been appointed as a social science sub-panel chair at the American Association of University Women American Fellowship Grant Committee. Last fall, Alla gave a brown-bag lunch talk in Brattleboro about her research.

SIT TESOL Professor Dr. Elka Todeva met with colleagues from Suleyman Demirel University in Kazakstan in November, including faculty, PhD students, and senior management. Elka presented on new trends in language teaching and learning.

OPPORTUNITIES & OTHER NEWS

Show your SIT pride with a sweatshirt, water bottle, or other fun, branded item. Visit SIT's online store at: cafepress.com/SIT.

Alumni gatherings and other opportunities are listed on our online community and directory. If you would like to organize something in your area, write to alumni@sit.edu.

For more information on items in this newsletter write to alumni@sit.edu.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

We are planning several alumni gatherings, including, but not limited to the list below. Invitations are sent to alumni based on your mailing address, so please make sure we have your correct information. Events are also posted on the alumni community and directory, connect.sit.edu.

March 14 - Atlanta, GA

March 26 - Seattle, WA

March 28 - San Francisco, CA

April 23 - Minneapolis, MN

May 29 - Washington, DC*

*This gathering will be in conjunction with the NAFSA Conference. Let us know if you are presenting a session!



WORLD LEARNING INC.

World Learning Inc., the nonprofit parent organization of SIT Graduate Institute, offers high school, undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. World Learning Inc.'s summer programs (through The Experiment in International Living) help high school students experience another culture abroad. SIT Study Abroad offers semester- and summer-long undergraduate programs that address critical global issues on all seven continents. The global nonprofit World Learning is working to create a more peaceful and just world through education, sustainable development, and exchange. Founded in 1932 as The Experiment in International Living, the organization that later became World Learning Inc. was inspired by Dr. Donald Watt's simple idea to improve understanding across cultures and nations by sending U.S. students abroad to expand their worldviews.

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