



USAID Alumni Association

August 2017 UAA Newsletter

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 - Will you be in **Vermont** this August? **Join other USAID alumni for a picnic** hosted by Nils Daulaire on Wednesday at his home, Upper Lea Farm, in South Royalton, Vermont. For more information, contact Nils at nils.daulaire@gmail.com

Monday, September 18, 2017 - 10:00 to Noon - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue - **David Steinberg**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Asian Studies at Georgetown University and a USAID alumnus, will speak on "**Erroneous Estimates: How South Korea and Burma (Myanmar) Upended Early Development Expectations.**"

Thursday, September 21, 2017- 2:00 PM - UAA Development Issues Meeting at the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF). **Amb. John Simon** who will lead us in a discussion of the **recent CSIS Task Force report on reforming and reorganizing U.S. foreign assistance.** See below for additional information.

Rescheduled! Saturday, October 7, 2017 - 12:00 to 3:00 pm **UAA 6th Annual Picnic** at Fort Hunt in Alexandria. Save the date with details to follow in the September newsletter.

Monday, October 23, 2017 - 10:00 to Noon - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue. Join us as **Mr. Inder Sud, President, World Bank Alumni**, will present the findings of his recent book in a provocative talk entitled "**Reforming Foreign Aid: Reinvent the World Bank (and more).**"

Friday, November 3, 2017 **UAA Annual General Meeting**

Monday, December 4, 2017 - 10:00 to Noon - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue. Long-time USAID and World Bank colleague **Jerry Wolgin**, will speak about a subject he knows very well - "**African Economic Growth: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.**"

New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** The [In Memoriam](#) page has a couple of new entries.
- In [Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities](#), A new opportunities has been posted.
- In [Articles](#), read items on: 1) alum Diana Ohbaum's thoughts on various aid reform and reorganization suggestions, 2) the chorus of voices recognizing the key role of aid in achieving foreign policy objectives, 3) how the Trump Administration is battering State Dept. morale, 4) a Brookings assessment of what "America First" means for US foreign aid, 5) a current draft State mission

statement that eliminates democracy from US foreign policy objectives, 6) CGD suggestions for foreign aid reform, 7) "Rexit," the potential for an early departure of the SecState, 8) CGD's vision for US development reform, 9) five myths about the Foreign Service, plus a response from alum Steve Callahan, 10) the debate re. the merging of State and USAID, 11) a discussion in the Senate on the possibilities of an AID/State merger, 12) a House bill that would cut the State appropriation by 14%, half of what the White House has proposed, 13) a Michael Gerson op-ed on the America First perception that lives elsewhere in the world are not worth as much as ours, 14) how to deter N. Korea - an editorial letter from alum Len Rogers, 15) the Administration's poor understanding that a more prosperous world would be more secure, 16) MFAN suggested reforms of US foreign aid mechanisms, 17) a letter re. cuts to the aid budget from alum John Champagne to the editor of the NY Times, 18) \$638m in humanitarian aid provided to Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and Nigeria, and 19) a report on SecState Tillerson's AID/State "listening tour" designed as input to the reorganization dialogue.

- In the [Forum](#), additions include: 1) a brief Devex piece on a rewrite of the USAID mission statement, 2) an Agency Notice announcing the final confirmation of Administrator Mark Green and 3) a Pew Research News IQ Quiz - just to see if you've been paying attention.

Do you have news, an article or event you would like to share? Please send it to office@usaidalumni.org or, better still, post it on the [Forum](#).

Looking for someone with a USAID alumni background and skills to hire or as a volunteer? If you would like to post a job or volunteer opportunity, please email us at office@usaidalumni.org, Attn: Jobs/Volunteers.

Development Issues Committee Meeting

The Development Issues Committee will be scheduling its next meeting for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday the 21st of September at the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF). Our guest will be **Amb. John Simon** who will lead us in a discussion of the **recent CSIS Task Force report on reforming and reorganizing U.S. foreign assistance with an emphasis on private sector participation**. Several USAID alumni are on the Task Force. The report is a product of the CSIS Project on U.S. Leadership in Development and can be found on the CSIS web site (www.csis.org). Further details about registering for the discussion will be forthcoming in the September newsletter.

Alumni will also be interested in Development Issues Committee member **Marilyn Merritt's** review of a new book by philosopher Stephen Asma, **The Evolution of Imagination, a book about creativity**. Marilyn's review appeared in a recent edition of Science magazine and can be found by [clicking here](#).

Update: USAID History Proposal

As we hope you know, for two years we have been working on a plan to compile and publish an independent and objective history of USAID's nearly sixty years of development experience. We are now preparing to launch this project! We have an author and we are now engaged in discussions on arrangements with the author and the Center for Global Development which will serve as the project's "home". Thus, this is an alert that we shall very soon be coming to each of our members who were generous enough to pledge a tax-deductible contribution to the UAA for this purpose to write their check. We will be seeking more help from all our members. Stay tuned for further information and details.

Alumni Profiles - Clinton (Tony) Doggett



Born into a USAID family, Tony Doggett spent the bulk of his childhood in Greece, Pakistan, Vietnam, Thailand, and Kenya. His own 23-year career with USAID began as an International Development Intern (IDI) in 1980 and took him to Niger, Egypt, Côte d'Ivoire, and Zimbabwe, plus some exotic corners of USAID/Washington, including the Cambodia, Cameroon, Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, and Haiti desks and two fun-filled years with the E&E Bureau during the Kosovo crisis.

After formally retiring in 2003, he worked for the American Institutes for Research as a proposal writer and manager of USAID- and USDOL-funded education projects in Haiti, Djibouti, Yemen, Southern Africa, and Macedonia.

Before long he was drawn back to the USAID mother ship and found himself backstopping Millennium Challenge Corporation "Threshold" programs in twenty-odd countries. He then spent three and half years as an FSL program officer in the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs. Since 2014, Tony has been providing intermittent program office support to the USAID missions in Morocco, Mozambique, Egypt, and Tunisia as a PSC. Between overseas gigs he outfits gentlemen with high quality suits, shirts, and ties at Wm. Fox & Co., a renowned Washington, DC haberdashery.

Tony has played the guitar since he was in high school in Bangkok in the sixties and has three record albums currently available on iTunes, the most well-known of which is a collection of twelve original songs about life and love in the Foreign Service called Please Don't Send Me To Zaire. Tony met his wife Anne in 1977 and asked her to marry him pretty much on the spot after hearing her sing a few Bonnie Raitt and Joni Mitchell numbers. The two have a daughter (Elizabeth) who lives in Munich and three sons (Clinton, Ben, and Bradley), all of whom live in the DC area and have self-published record albums of their own. Grandchildren are popping up left and right--three at last count with two more on the way this summer.

Tony is very happy as a post-career-but not "retired"-development professional. In fact, he may never retire fully. He thinks it's wonderful being able to continue making positive contributions around the world while still being a part of the USAID family; being able to choose his own assignments; and not having to write or receive performance evaluations. When not busy being a program officer or haberdashing, Tony enjoys making music with family and friends, playing with the grandchildren, swimming, and taking lots and lots of pictures.

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