

Humphrey

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER | FALL 2023



Year-End Celebration Culminates the Fellowship Experience

The 2022-2023 cohort of Humphrey fellows celebrated the end of their program with members of the larger Humphrey family including host families and friends, faculty and staff. Held in late April, it takes place as fellows begin the final phase of their fellowship, their professional affiliations.

Fellows received certificates signed by President Joe Biden and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken. It capped off a bittersweet evening, one of the final occasions where all fellows gathered together.



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Commencement Weekend Unites and Reunites Fellows

Commencement weekend brought four cohort years together. For some, it was a reunion, and for all, an opportunity to meet fellows from other cohorts. While all fellows take at least 3 credits (Leadership Seminar), some take additional courses during their fellowship, which can be applied towards either an Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA), Executive Master's in International Relations (EMIR) or a Certificate of Advanced Study. Pictured in photos: 2016-2017 Shahzeb Khan (Pakistan), 2017-2018 Pierre Lovens Mérolien (Haiti), 2021-2022 Marien Alvarado

(Guatemala), Juan Gowland (Argentina), Wendpanga Dipama (Burkina Faso), 2022-2023 Niño Alvina (Philippines).

Note: Humphrey alumni who are interested in an EMPA or EMIR can attend a virtual information session November 7, 2023 at 12:00 PM (Eastern U.S.) or March 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM (Eastern U.S.). Look for details in your inbox or contact Margaret Lane at melane02@syr.edu for more information.



Getting Out & About in Winter

Winter is frequently on the mind of fellows as they begin their fellowship in August. They learn by January to live by the adage, "if you can't fight 'em, join 'em"!



Fellows and Humphrey Family & Friends continued a fond tradition of an international potluck party held at the home of longtime host family Melanie and Tom Carroll. Fellows and families alike brought a national dish or family favorite for an afternoon of sharing customs and cuisines.

Some fellows also took advantage of the Syracuse winter to tackle on a new skill- cross country skiing! Along the way, they met the beloved Otto, Syracuse University's mascot. The adventurous fellows included Marian Awadi (Malawi), Yuliia Fediv (Ukraine), Nur Ain Muhammad Yusuf (Malaysia) and Niño Alvina (Philippines).





Leadership and Governance During Times of Crisis Syracuse Enhancement Workshop

February 27 - March 3, 2023



Enhancement Workshop Offered Leadership Lessons During Crisis

Thirty-nine Humphrey fellows from 12 campuses participated in **Leadership and Governance During Times of Crisis Enhancement Workshop** at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, held in late February. They explored crises in all manner of contexts, including the dynamics, frameworks, and processes that impact leadership decision making in times of crisis; identifying the patterns of leadership and institutional organization that appear to

be particularly effective (or ineffective) in forecasting; preparing for, managing, communicating and learning from crises; and learning how crises have been managed at the most senior levels of government and non-government organizations.

Additional perspectives about [this year's workshop](#) can also be found on Maxwell School's website.



Cornell and Syracuse Fellows Discover NYS Abolitionist and Suffrage National Park Landmarks

Cornell and Syracuse Humphrey fellows met for a spring cross campus collaboration that included visits to 2 national park sites: the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park and the Women's Rights National Historical Park. There's quite a bit of overlap of the abolitionist and suffragist movements in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State.

Fellows learned of the life of Harriet Tubman, who was born enslaved and was an Underground Railroad operator, abolitionist, Civil War spy, nurse, suffragist and humanitarian.

At the Women's Rights National Historical Park, fellows discovered the story of Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and other suffragists, who organized the first Woman's Rights Convention in 1848 and the drafted of the Declaration of Sentiments, based on the U.S. Declaration of Independence.

It was a bittersweet reunion for both cohorts as they prepared for their professional affiliations and conclusion of their fellowship.



Maxwell Roots Run Deep in the Philippines

The Syracuse Humphrey program has hosted four fellows from the Philippines since the program began at Syracuse in 2009, but the connections go well beyond Humphrey fellows. Niño Alvina's Maxwell throughline runs deep, as was discovered in this [profile on the Maxwell School website](#).



Fellows Pitch In At Food Bank of CNY

Syracuse Humphrey Fellows spent an afternoon at the Food Bank of Central New York learning about food insecurity in the U.S. and the critical role food banks play in the effort to eliminate hunger. Chief Development Officer Lynn Hy provided an overview of need in the nonprofit's 11-county area including the impact of the 18 million pounds of food that was distributed by the Food Bank of CNY in 2022, an equivalent of almost 41,000 meals per day.

Fellows gained a greater understanding of how the food bank is funded and supported by a myriad of public, private and individual entities. They then headed to the warehouse to pack 360 boxes of non-perishable food that were to be distributed at a drive-up event the following day.

Two Fellows Experience Community College During Residency

Firuz Nabieva (Tajikistan) and **Margarita Musante (Argentina)** spent a week at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) as part of the Community College Residency program.

They both had the honor of being introduced to and speaking with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, who is an instructor at the college and who talked about her experience teaching at NOVA.

In addition to learning about the role of community colleges in the U.S., they met students and faculty, spoke in classes and participated in panel discussions. During a discussion with international students, Firuz and Margarita discussed the role of leaders today (especially women leaders), that also included many questions, reflections and exchanges.

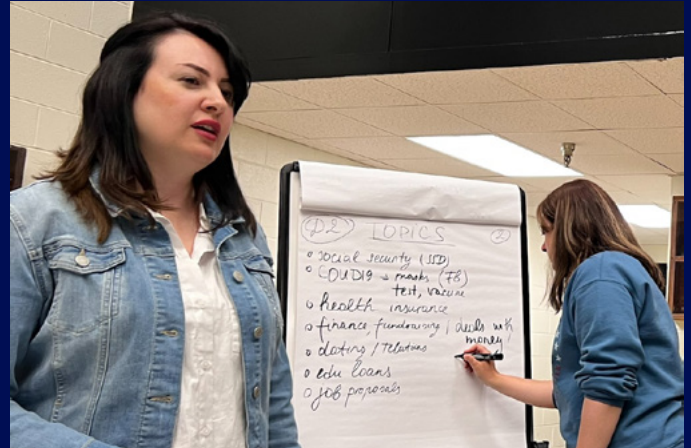


Volunteering as Facilitators with the Conflict Management Center

Yuliia Fediv (Ukraine) and Firuza Nabieva (Tajikistan) volunteered with the Conflict Management Center in a community engagement discussion, *Combating Disinformation in Communities of Color*.

They joined other graduate student volunteers, working in small groups with community members to facilitate conversations, gathering ideas and feedback to assist researchers to ultimately design a campaign to combat scams and misinformation in Syracuse.

Professors Tina Nabatchi, Greg Munno and Shelvía Dancy designed the workshop and are researching these strategies to help Syracuse residents identify and appropriately respond to scams and misinformation.



Latin American Fellows Featured in Panel Discussion

Maria Margarita Musante (Argentina) and **Pia Olea Ubillús (Peru)** were part of the panel discussion, *Women Leading Public Administration in Latin America*, sponsored by the Program on Latin America and the Caribbean (PLACA) and the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs at the Maxwell School. The panel, organized by the 2022 deSardon-Glass Fellows to commemorate

International Women's Day in March, featured six women from Latin America who provided their experience and perspective working in public service in Peru, Argentina, and Ecuador. The event also featured Boston University Humphrey alumna Maria del Carmen Pantoja, who was an Executive Master of Public Administration candidate at the Maxwell School.



A Reflection on My Spring Semester

Margarita Musante (Argentina) offered this look at the second half of her fellowship year

In February and March, four Humphrey colleagues and I had the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion during two different sections of *Managing in a Global Setting* at the Whitman School. We talked about our respective countries, cultures and experiences to students in Prof. Christie Marie Novak's and Prof. Paul Babiarz's classes.

As part of Women's History Month in March, Pia Olea Ubillus (Peru) and I participated in the Program for Latin America and the Caribbean's "Women Leading Public Administration in Latin America" This panel celebrated the contributions of Latin American women working in public service.



My participation in the Community College Residency Program at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) was one of the best experiences I've had in my life, not only because of all I learned, the experiences shared, and the debates and exchanges of ideas, but also because I had the great privilege of meeting and speaking with First Lady Dr. Jill Biden, who is a professor at NOVA. I am very grateful to IIE, the Hubert H. Humphrey Program, NOVA, and Syracuse University for the opportunity. During the week I presented a talk on "The Importance of Gender Equality in Leadership", participated in a panel discussion, "The Future of the Global Economy", together with distinguished professors at NOVA, lectured on the role of leaders today from the perspective of the importance of gender equality.

April's IMF & WB Spring Meetings 2023 in Washington, DC were an excellent opportunity to attend the lectures of the experts and learn more about the current global economic and financial situation and future trends, the role of the different regions as well as to generate a rich network of useful contacts.

I attended two Enhancement Workshops: *Leadership and Governance During Times of Crisis* here at the Maxwell School

and *Bending the Curve: Climate Change Solutions*, hosted by UC San Diego. Both were enriching experiences, featuring excellent speakers and thought-provoking sessions on leadership during crisis and climate change, providing the opportunity to catch up with other fellows, share experiences and to network with academics, colleagues and peers.

I had the opportunity to celebrate the May 25th holiday at the Argentine Embassy in Washington. I have great appreciation for Ambassador Jorge Argüello, Minister Adrian Nador, and their entire team for the support provided during our stay in the U.S. Special thanks also to the Argentina Fulbright Commission for making this valuable opportunity possible.

Later in June, I was invited by the Embassy of Argentina to a presentation of the Argentinians for Education Foundation, an organization that aims to transform education, prioritizing the strengthening of public education.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship far exceeded my expectations. It gave me the opportunity to study at Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University, ranked #1 Graduate School for Public Affairs in the United States. In addition to its academic excellence, I would like to highlight the human warmth of its professors and staff, who accompanied us, guided us, and provided constant support. It also gave me the opportunity to develop my professional affiliation at the World Bank and opened the doors to a valuable and rich network of contacts globally. I am very grateful to have been part of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program and the Maxwell School Community, and to have met thirteen fellows from all over the world. I learned from them and their cultures and who, in addition to being colleagues, became friends. It was an experience that undoubtedly represented a milestone in my professional and personal development, changing my life forever.



Alumni Updates

Fellowship's 45th Anniversary

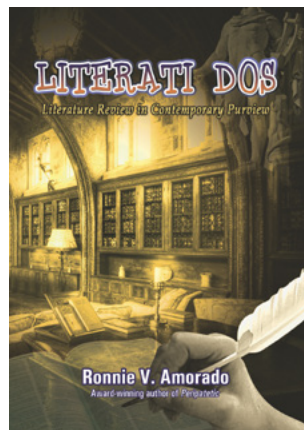
Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program Alumni from East Asia and the Pacific gathered in Manila, Philippines to commemorate the fellowship's 45th Anniversary. During the program, Humphrey Alumni Global Policy Dialogue: Diversifying Economic Prosperity, all alumni of the program at Syracuse gathered for a photo: (l-r) Ronnie Amorado (2009-2010), Es Licnahan (2013-2014), Nicolas Pichay (2017-2018) and our most recent alum, Niño Alvina (2022-2023).



Ronnie Amorado

PHILIPPINES | 2009-2010

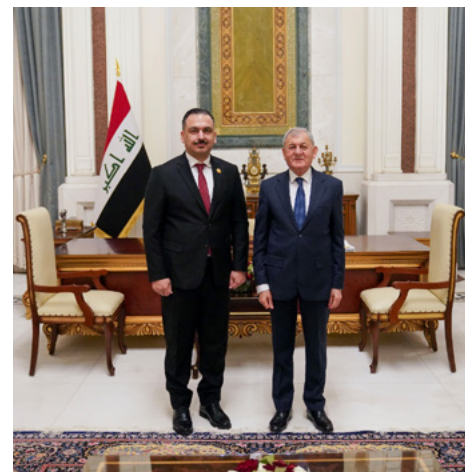
Ronnie Amorado (Philippines) recently published *Literati Dos*, a second edition based on demand from the original title, *Literati*. It's geared towards researchers, scholars, and academics in their research, theses, and dissertations. The second edition focuses on anti-plagiarism tips, especially with the rise and greater adaptation of ChatGPT and other AI programs, in addition to the usual review of related literature (RRL) techniques, including new explanations and examples.



Hazim Hamed

IRAQ | 2011-2012

Hazim Hamed (Iraq), was selected to be the Chief of Staff of the Iraqi President. He states his experience in the Humphrey program greatly influenced him being selected for this post.



Sanallah Abro

PAKISTAN | 2013-2014

Sanallah Abro (Pakistan) shared these images of highlights of the past year:



As head of Directorate of Customs Appraisal Karachi and focusing for human resource development, he oversaw the promotion of 30 young officers.



He celebrated International Customs Day in January with the trade community and published a column in a national newspaper about the theme of the year, Fostering a New Generation of Young Customs Officers.



Abro was invited by Jordan Customs to deliver a technical mission for aligning the e-commerce procedure to international best practices given his accreditation by the World Customs Organization as an international trainer.



He also conducted an open house session with the largest association of trade and industry, KATI, at Karachi to highlight initiatives for trade facilitation.

Dee Moskoff

SOUTH AFRICA | 2013-2014

Dee Moskoff (South Africa) has maintained ties with the Maxwell School since her fellowship year concluded. The largest impact has been in creating internship pathways for Maxwell and Syracuse University students, connecting them with various nonprofits and



NGOs in South Africa.

She stopped by campus during a trip to the U.S., meeting with Humphrey director Margaret Lane, others at Maxwell and faculty at the Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Lara Saade

LEBANON | 2014-2015

Lara Saade (Lebanon) was profiled in [Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship program's](#) Facebook page, highlighting her accomplishments as a skilled legislation drafter in Lebanon. She led training sessions for new parliamentarians, focusing on drafting techniques aligned with constitutional principles and the rule of law. Her training was part of the U.S. Embassy Beirut-funded Tahawor project.



André Ndjallè

CAMEROON | 2015-2016

André Ndjallè (Cameroon) attended the African Tax Research Network conference, Contemporary Taxation Issues in Africa, hosted by the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) in partnership with Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He found the topic of

taxation in the mining sector to be particularly relevant, given the richness of Africa’s resources. He states, “African countries must apply a rewarding fiscal policy in the mining sector, both for our communities and investors.” He is pictured with his wife, Béatrice.



Dastan Abdyldaev

KYRGYZSTAN | 2017-2018

Dastan Abdyldaev (Kyrgyzstan) attended the UN Bonn Climate Change Conference SB58 in Bonn, Germany in June. The aim of this conference was to make progress on important technical issues of the global climate agenda and to discuss and prepare draft decisions of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 28)



to be held in Dubai, UAE in December 2023. In July, he attended the Climate Finance Forum for Central Asia & South Caucasus countries organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the NDC Partnership Support Unit and delivered a speech and presentation on Lessons from the Climate Finance Center of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Kyrgyzstan. The forum was being convened among experts from Central Asia and South Caucasus countries and partner institutions to enhance their knowledge, skills and exchange experiences in mobilizing and accessing climate finance.

Nazla Mariza

INDONESIA | 2017-2018

Nazla Mariza (Indonesia) led a campaign initiative for Plan International Indonesia Foundation (Plan Indonesia), which had a collaboration with the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection to hold a joint-campaign on ending sexual violence against children. The campaign started from National Children’s Day on July 23, 2022 to November 19-20, 2022 to commemorate International Children’s Day. Nazla represented her organization and assisted 2 children who were selected through a previous video competition to meet the Minister of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, Mrs. I Gusti Ayu Bintang Darmawati.



Anton Shevchenko

UKRAINE | 2018-2019

Anton Shevchenko (Ukraine) presented at the *The State of the Humanitarian Research and Innovation Ecosystem* session of the 2023 Humanitarian Networks and Partnerships Week (HNPW)

held by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. The presentation featured the recent study on adaptive innovation in the 2022 humanitarian response in Ukraine Anton had co-authored under the Global Prioritisation Exercise on Humanitarian Research and Innovation (GPE) commissioned by the British and Dutch governments. Anton also continues to be engaged in field programs in Ukraine, pictured during a recovery assessment mission with Estonian Refugee Council in Ukraine's northern Chernihiv region.



Barbara Barrios

PANAMA | 2019-2020

Barbara Barrios Dumanoir (Panama) was part of the organizing committee for the Exchange Alumni Week held throughout provinces in Panama in early September. Barbara spoke at the event in Colon and was moderator for the observation at Santa Maria La Antigua University in Panama City. She also was one of the experts

invited by Universidad del Istmo in Guatemala to speak to doctoral students of education and administration and the public in general about Trends and Challenges in Education at an international forum in late summer.



Seungwan (Harry) Hwang

SOUTH KOREA | 2019-2020

Humphrey families & friends provide an invaluable way to learn about the U.S. These connections extend well beyond the fellowship year and sometimes provide opportunities for fellows to return the favor. Seungwan (Harry) Hwang (South Korea) and his wife Jiyoung (Lydia) Moon welcomed their host family, Melanie, Delaney and Mikayla Carroll during a visit their country.



Marco Konopacki

BRAZIL | 2019-2020

Marco Konopacki (Brazil) is now Director of Digital Governance and Innovation at the General Public Defense of Rio de Janeiro, where he is leading efforts to modernize the agency's operations and improve access to justice for citizens. His main goal is to create a national open data pattern for all state agencies. Marco is pictured with the General Public Defender for the state of Rio de Janeiro.



Jovana Bulatović

MONTENEGRO | 2020-2021

Jovana Bulatović (Montenegro) facilitated a session at The Ukrainian Evaluation Association Conference (UEA) on behalf

of Institute for Development Impact (I4DI). I4DI was an official partner of this year's UEA Conference held in May, contributing to the spread of knowledge and best practices in evaluations. As a MEL Specialist, Jovana presented How Evaluation Can Help to Build a Bridge Between Business and Authorities.



Burhan Rasool

PAKISTAN | 2021-2022

Burhan Rasool (Pakistan) authored the textbook for a newly introduced course, Police Administration & Technology, at the National Police Academy, Islamabad. This is a mandatory course approved by the Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) of Pakistan for the newly inducted Assistant Superintendents. Burhan is the lead instructor for this course. Additionally, he looks after

public sector engagements and pitching FinTech solutions for a local bank and is a consultant with the World Bank on a digital identities project in Madagascar and Mozambique while based in Pakistan. He is also involved in setting up a new EdTech Startup for a local group of colleges.



Juan Gowland

ARGENTINA | 2021-2022

Juan Gowland (Argentina) is now Government Relations Manager at BASF Argentina and was selected for the Innovation and Leadership in Government, part of the Latin America Leadership Program (LALP) at Georgetown University, culminating with a week at Georgetown in Washington, DC in late October.

He also reports that GLASS, a Silicon Valley e-commerce startup, named him as a GovTech Groundbreaker for 2023: “these visionaries have made extraordinary contributions to the world of GovTech, driving innovation and positive change within the public sector, changing the future of governments” [GLASS post on LinkedIn.](#)



2023-2024 Humphrey Fellows Begin Program Year

In August, we welcomed 11 fellows from 10 countries as part of the [2023-2024 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship](#), the 15th cohort to call Maxwell home. They're busy this fall engaging in all things Humphrey on campus...and off!

For continual updates on this year's cohort and alumni, follow the [Syracuse Humphrey program on Facebook](#).



Front row, L to R: Ghulam Jan Naseer (Pakistan), Sanam Rasool (Pakistan), Ana Villarreal Garcia (Costa Rica), Cristina Virlan (Republic of Moldova), Grecia Vasquez (Guatemala), Maria Alejandra Pozo (Ecuador)
Back row, L to R: Emahatsion Tekle (Eritrea), Minseok Kang, (South Korea), Trim Berisha (Kosovo), Zaur Allahverdiyev (Azerbaijan), Marcelo Funes (Argentina)

