



*Friends of the International Center,
at UC San Diego*

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Annual Membership Dinner and Scholarship Awards Ceremony

You are invited to this year's annual Membership Dinner that may be bittersweet as we could be bidding farewell to the International Center, our home for the past forty-five years (since its very existence). However, the event also promises to be a memorable and uplifting evening as Friends members, International Center staff members, and our continually amazing students come together to share a meal and animated conversation.

Dean **Kirk Simmons** will say a few words before we are treated to a new perspective about education abroad from our guest speaker, **Elizabeth Perl**, Alumni Engagement & Development Director of the system-wide UC Education Abroad Program. In addition, due to the popularity of hearing from our students, **Noble Dwarika**, a former Friends scholarship recipient, will share his experience studying in China and Spain and we know you will be equally charmed by Noble.

We are delighted to announce that once again, through our combined efforts and collaboration with the University, the Friends will be announcing scholarship

awards in the amount of \$100,000 for 2016. Of course, none of this is possible, without YOUR support. I thank the Friends Scholarship Committee that read an ever-growing number of applications; the many donors (both financial and in-kind); and, the incredible volunteers engaged in activities that raise money that support the Friends scholarship program.

The evening will begin at six o'clock with wine or raspberry lemonade in the lounge. Dinner will begin with a minestrone soup, followed by chicken breast with basil cream sauce, penne pasta with tomatoes, a mixed green salad with feta, toasted almonds, strawberries and balsamic vinaigrette, and focaccia. Since we like surprises, you will have to attend to learn what awaits you for dessert. Tea will be available at the end of the meal.

The cost for attending the annual dinner is \$20, and we ask you to note any special requests (vegetarian meal, disabled parking) on the reservation form, found on page 11 of this *Newsletter*, or online at FICannualdinner2016.eventbrite.com. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 10,

Friends Membership Dinner
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Tuesday, May 17, 6 p.m.
Cost \$20.00

RSVP: by May 10, 2016

so we encourage you to complete and return your reservation form, together with payment, as soon as possible.

A reminder: dinner will be held outdoors in the central patio, so we suggest that you dress accordingly.

I will conduct a brief business meeting to elect the officers for 2016-17, as proposed by **Kristine Kneib**, Acting Chair of the Nominating Committee. **Ruth Newmark**, Scholarship Committee Chair, will introduce the Friends Scholarship awardees for 2016.

We look forward to seeing many of YOU, our Friends and supporters, as we celebrate this joyful occasion.

Hooray for Scholarships!
Katya Newmark
presFIC@mail.ucsd.edu

May Calendar

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: **Gus' Conversation Table**, 10:00-Noon

May 3, 17, 24, 31: **FIC Craft Circle**, 1:00-3:30

May 4, 18: **Family Orientation**, 9:15

May 4, 11, 18, 25: **Wednesday Coffee**, 10:00-Noon

May 5, 12, 19, 26 **Intermediate English**, 10:00-11:30

May 6, 13, 20, 27: **Friday Chat Group**, 10:00-Noon

May 10: **Board Meeting**, 10:00

May 10, **Annual IC Volunteer Recognition Lunch**, Noon

May 12: **International Cooking Experience**, 9:30-1:00

May 17: **Annual Membership Dinner**, 6:00

May 18: **International Kitchen: Colombian Lunch**, Noon

May 30: **Memorial Day**

Craft Circle: Writes **Jennie Chin**, "We generally do not have a meeting on the first Tuesday of each month; however, **Lynn Jahn** has kindly agreed to run the group on the first Tuesday of each month, while **Mary Woo** and I are at another meeting. This means we will be able to have a Craft Circle group every Tuesday, afternoon from 1:00-3:30."

Donations: We are pleased to report three more gifts to the *Betty Burton Scholarship*; they came from **Jim Galvin**, **Dulce Dorado**, and **Barbara Fitzsimmons**, while **Molly Ann McCarren** made a contribution to the *Teclé Kidané-Mariam Scholarship*. We thank you!

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee—composed of **Barbara Fitzsimmons**, **Lynn Jahn**, and **Kristine Kneib**—is pleased to submit the following names for office for the year 2016-17:

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| President: | Katya Newmark |
| Vice President, Membership: | Renate Schmid-Schoenbein |
| Recording Secretary: | Lynn Jahn |
| Treasurer: | Karen Davis |
| Corresponding Secretary: | Eleanor tum Suden |

The above slate will be voted on at the Friends Annual Dinner Meeting to be held at the International Center on Tuesday evening, May 17, 2016. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, but the nominee must both be eligible and have given his/her prior approval.

To assure the necessary quorum, we ask that you please send in your proxy statement available on the back page of this *Newsletter*, if you cannot attend the annual membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Fitzsimmons
Nominating Committee Chair

*Friends are extraordinarily blessed to have more and more of our internationals participate actively in our programs, often in a leadership role. Such is true, for instance, of **Ximena Trujillo**, a native of Colombia, who will take charge of two Wednesday Coffee activities this month (see p.7) and who, along with **Morgane Bourgeois** and **Emma Forin**, both of France, will lead our May International Cooking Experience class; as well as of **Huanwei Cui** and **Yuko Takehara**, two of eight international volunteers who take turns as teachers in our Mommy/Daddy & Me program. From Ximena's, Huanwei's and Yuko's accounts below, it is clear that Friends fill an important void in the lives of our international visitors, most importantly in the lives of spouses of UCSD's scholars. That they, in turn, are willing to reciprocate by sharing their knowledge and talents with us makes this all the more rewarding.—Ed.*

In Praise of Friends and Our International Volunteers

The Friends of International Center (FIC) is an organization that takes care of the families of UCSD international researchers and students.

Usually, when a professional decides to work abroad, his spouse and children face the challenge of moving to a new country, quitting their job, and living far from their beloved friends and family. So suddenly, after you have all, you

have no house, no job, no friends, and no family. Then, you find yourself looking again for a way to put together a home, where you may spend lonely days, while you wait for your spouse to come back from his job.

Personally, I have experienced this situation during my husband's Ph.D., and I was expecting the same when we decided to move to San Diego. But,

I was not aware of how much the FIC were prepared to welcome us. Oppositely to my expectations, I haven't felt alone, because I met friends who share our situation and we have become as close as family, seeing each other at the FIC for cooking classes, conversation tables, and crafts. This brings us and our spouses closer, despite our different languages and cultures.

Now, I know that at UCSD I have a space to meet, share, and enjoy together with friends, while we keep helping other families to adapt during this transition period.

I must thank the Friends of the International Center, including volunteers and staff, because they make me and my family happy, despite we are far from everything we know.

(Maria) Ximena Trujillo,
M.Sc. Civil Engineering
Spouse of **Hugo N. Ulloa,**
Postdoctoral Scholar,
Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering

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This is **Huanwei Cui**, a Chinese mommy with a 3-year-old daughter. On July 2014, we came to San Diego to be together with my husband, who is currently a post doc at Physics Department.

As soon as we arrived, we became involved in the Mommy/Daddy & Me program sponsored by the Friends of the International Center. The program teaches children classic English nursery rhymes. It also designs many hands-on activities. We have been consistently attending this wonderful program and we can see clearly that my daughter is really grown fast with tremendous happiness and friendship. She learned many English songs, which is really important for her language developments. As a newcomer, I also meet many friends. Both of us have enjoyed it very much, and I am quite sure we are not the only ones benefited from this program.

To make this program go well and contribute our part, I have been a consistent volunteer, leading the class for children 3-5 years old since last September. I must

say that is a big challenge for me as I conduct the lesson in English. Usually there are 15-20 mommies attending the class. But with other partners' help, I gradually do better. From children's happy faces and positive responses, I can see that they enjoy my class and I feel tremendous happiness.

Thanks for Friends of the International Center, life is different here. I really hope the program can continue and more people can benefit from it.

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My name is **Yuko Takehara**. My son **Mutsuto** is 9 month now. We participate Mommy/Daddy & Me. I came to San Diego last April. Then, I was very, very nervous, because I was pregnancy 30 weeks. I felt so lonely. I had no friends or no help. I didn't go out, and stay at home every day. And I couldn't speak English so much. But the **Friends** changed my life.

When I joined Family Orientation in I-Center. They said "If you are pregnancy, you can join M/D & Me before you have your child." I was very happy to hear that, and started to participate. So, I could make many friends and get much information to live here, to care baby, etc. And I think my English became better than before.

I really appreciate the **Friends**, and I started M/D & Me volunteer. Because I want to pay it forward.

I know that many families from foreign country have many problems. They don't know about San Diego so much. They need some help to live here and to get information. So, we need I-Center and the **Friends**. We can help each other and become fine and happy. We become a good family of the researcher who works in UCSD. I know that who has good family will succeed. I believe that UCSD and the Friends can create a win-win relationship.



The Friends **International Cooking Experience**, too, is benefitting greatly from the active involvement of our international visitors. Among recent guest chefs were **Hellene Ahn** and **Jeongmin Choi**, who shared the secrets of a Korean kitchen; **Anna Wabnik** and **Malgorzata Bigaj**, who led a Polish cooking class, and **Macarena Galaz Painecura**, who taught everyone how to prepare a traditional Chilean menu, depicted here.



Easter Celebration 2016

Some very descriptive correspondence between two of the leaders of Mommy/Daddy & Me and our Friends President:

Dear Katya,

I just wanted to write to thank you and all the other FIC volunteers who planned such a nice Easter egg hunt this year again, and also the friends who filled up the tons of beautiful eggs and placed them in the backyard for our kids, which I think was sure a lot of work! My two boys enjoyed the hunting so much as the other kids.—**Mariko Usui**

Dear Mariko, Midori, Taoko, and Yuko,

Thank you, and all the other wonderful international volunteers who make this collaboration so successful. As you know our volunteers enjoy providing our international families an opportunity to experience a traditional Easter egg hunt, and I am grateful to **Georgina Sham** and **Lynn Jahn** for making this year's baskets. It is my pleasure to take photos and am delighted that Yuko has done such a wonderful job taking photos for the Mommy/Daddy & Me families.—**Katya Newmark**



Dear Katya,

Thank you so much for uploading your wonderful photos. I enjoyed them a lot and the participants must be happy with them. We definitely had a blast at Easter Egg Hunt. One Japanese mom said: "This UCSD egg hunt is the

best ever. Even little children can hunt in relaxed way. It is warm and welcoming atmosphere. This is the perfect event I had imagined."

I really appreciate all the FIC volunteers who made a big effort for this Easter Egg Hunt.—**Naoko Nakanishi**

Wednesday Morning Coffee

—by *Georgina Sham*

For the month of May, we have planned both tried-and-true and new Wednesday Coffee activities. They are:

- **May 4:** Fashion Friendship Bracelets with **Ximena Trujillo**.
- **May 11:** Make Bottle Cap Pin-cushions with **Lynn Jahn**.
- **May 18:** International Kitchen: Colombian Lunch. Under the guidance of Colombian native, **Ximena Trujillo**, we will prepare an authentic menu consisting of such popular dishes as *Frijoles Rojos Colombianos* (red beans with rice and optional ground meat), *Arepas* (corn pockets) with avocados and *Aji* (a traditional hot sauce), and *Esponjado de Café* (coffee mousse) for dessert. Lunch will be served at noon at \$5 per person.
- **May 25:** Sew Stuffed Animals. We plan to make enough toys each month so that by December we will have sufficient animals for each child in the Mommy/Daddy & Me program to receive one from Santa Claus.

**March
Friends
Volunteer Hours
1,058.5 = 6 FTEs**

Officially known as “Associate of the Chancellor,” **Thespine Kavoulakis** is known simply by her first name to members of Friends of the International Center, and Thespine rarely lets it be known that her husband is Chancellor of UC San Diego. Introduced to Friends programs by **Nori Faer**, Thespine periodically joins our conversation groups as her schedule permits.

Recently, while attending a function at Geisel House, the home of our UCSD Chancellor and his family, **Ellen Scott**, one of the leaders of Friday Chatters, was served some especially delicious baklava. When Ellen learned that it was home-baked, and by none other than by her hostess, she had the brilliant idea to invite Thespine to show the Friday Chatters how to prepare this popular Greek delicacy. This is not such a strange idea, since Friday Chatters do more than chat: they go on occasional outings—not long ago, **Jerry Fitzsimmons** led them on a campus tour of parts of the Stuart Collection; at other times, they have prepared food in our International Center kitchen.

Responding to Ellen’s enthusiastic praise of the dessert, Thespine commented: “You cannot imagine how happy I am that people liked the baklava. I thought it would be a nice finishing touch—no one ever leaves a Greek’s house without eating and eating and eating more, then eating something sweet!” Eager to share an important part of her heritage, Thespine readily agreed to join the Chatters for a hands-on baklava session, and a date was chosen. Below follows the story.—Ed.

Friday Chatters: Baklava Day

—by *Ellen Scott*

On April 1, seventeen Friday Chatters hailing from Chile, France, Mexico, Brazil, Korea, China, Belgium, Spain, India, and Pennsylvania prepared baklava under the watchful guidance of **Thespine Kavoulakis**, who is of Greek heritage. While chopping walnuts, drizzling honey syrup, and slicing baked pastries with surgical precision, they chatted about how they celebrate April Fool’s Day (or the equivalent) in their home countries. In France, it’s known as April Fish Day.

*From the Editor: At the end of the day, Friends President, **Katya Newmark**, raved about the scrumptious baklava and expressed her appreciation in an e-mail to **Thespine**, **Ellen**, and **Cindy Tozer**, another volunteer leader in the Friday Chat group: “Thank you again for your collective efforts to have Baklava Day. Thank you Ellen for encouraging conversation about silly holidays like April Fools/Fish Day, and for the photographs! (The selection of photos reproduced here are a mix of those taken by Ellen and Katya.) I trust you all know how much I love participating, even if only for an occasional few minutes, with your dynamic group. I am so grateful to you, our generous of heart volunteers, for cultivating an environment that elicits comments such as: ‘Friday is my favorite day of the week.’”*



Thespine Kavoulakis



Preparing food together is fun



Thespine, Cindy, Ellen, and Emma Forin from France with tools of the trade



Pearl Tangri from India and Noemi Aguirre Mendoza from Mexico slice sheets of baklava



Tempting slices of baklava

Membership: We regret to report the death of **Patricia Bertrand** (1920-2016), one of the Friends earliest Life Members and a loyal supporter of our programs. It was said of Pat that “she loved all things French: art, food, wine, and the language.”

Please welcome new Friends member, **Diane Helland**, a participant in our Wednesday Morning Coffee.



Danya Costello with some of the eight dozen magdalenas she baked



Justin Costello transports extra tables



Shaping hundreds of meatballs is no easy task; just ask Susan Burke, Emma Forin, and Lexi Jiang



Our Spanish scholar proves singularly adept at making the *tortilla Española*



Our dynamo cooking team

A Magical Trip to Classic Spain

—by Justin Costello with photographs by Katya Newmark

Bienvenidos a España clásica! Friends, community members, visiting scholars and their families gathered together on March 12, 2016 to enjoy a Spanish-themed fiesta. The evening started off with *juego de adivinanzas* (guessing game) over fruit-laden sangria. Partygoers were encouraged to greet each other and then exchange questions from their bingo-style game cards, made by event organizer, **Katya Newmark**. The goal was to fill all boxes on the game card by meeting as many people as possible at the party. This was a huge success and I think everyone had a blast meeting everyone—one nine-year-old guest even filled all 49 boxes.

Then the fiesta moved into the dining room that was set up family style with long tables beautifully decorated with the colors of Spain: red and yellow. There even were *toros* (bulls with horns) running

down the middle of the tables! In this way, the guests set foot into a Spanish world with table conversation topics referencing different aspects of Spanish culture: *tapas*, art, music, and sports.

Guests found a bowl of *gazpacho* topped with *picatostes* (croustons) waiting for them. Made in the traditional way, puréed and with bread, the soup was truly authentic and the fresh tomatoes and garlic could definitely be tasted. This was then followed by the main course consisting of *tortilla Española*, expertly prepared by an only



recently-arrived, visiting scholar in the Chemistry Department, **Eder Tomas Gonzalez de Mendivil**, delicious *albondigas* (meatballs) in a garlic tomato sauce, and *ensalada Valenciana*. Dessert, consisting of 4 *m's*: *magdalenas* (miniature orange cakes), *marcona* almonds, *manchego* cheese with honey, and *membrillo* (quince paste), was consumed with gusto.



Allison Burke mixes the fruit for both the alcoholic and non-alcoholic sangria



Noemí Aguirre, Gabi Soliman, and Lexi Jiang are three among a sizable number of internationals who volunteered to help with the Friends Dinner Social



Often seen in the IC kitchen, Ph.D. candidate Richard Chim came this time with his mother, Gladys Wong, visiting from Hong Kong

But there was more. The meal was followed by a performance by **John Burke** on his classical guitar. This was a fantastic concert beginning with two flamenco songs that John explained helped him warm up his hands. Also included were



Matthew Costello stands ready to serve the sangria with which he was helped by Jerry Fitzsimmons



John Burke

familiar pieces by composers **Isaac Albéniz** and **Francisco Tárrega**, and even a **Led Zepplin** song for an encore. Everyone enjoyed the music and appreciated the amazing talents of John and his guitar! *Una noche magnífica!*

To the delight of everyone, not just to the children, my mother, **Katya Newmark**, announced that no party is complete without chocolate, and proceeded to pass around a big bag of Hershey's kisses.

Of course, to make this magical evening, it takes the help of many volunteers and **Katya** thanks each and every one of you: **Noemí Aguirre, Allison Burke, John Burke, Susan Burke, Richard Chi Yung Chim, Jennie Chin, Danya Costello, Justin Costello, Matthew Costello, Barbara Fitzsimmons, Jerry Fitzsimmons,**



At the check-in table, Kristine Kneib explains the intricacies of the get-acquainted game to a guest



Guests are engaged in playing the game



IC staff members Jan Tuomainen and Courtney Giordano volunteered to wash the dishes when no students could be found because of finals. Kudos to them!

Emma Forin, Courtney Giordano, Lexi Jiang, Kristine Kneib, Tashu Malik, Eder Tomas Gonzalez de Mendivil, Ruth Newmark, Diana Saunders, Jean Selzer, Gabi Soliman, Miki Suefuji, Cindy Tozer, Jan Tuomainen, Sharon Wong, Yim Fun Wong (Gladys), Mary Woo, and Ginny Young.

Wrote Kristine Kneib: "Oh what a night! Thank you all for a classy Spanish evening—and especially to you dear Katya and your family for sharing your talents and big hearts with everyone. We are all so blessed. With deep gratitude for Friends."

SCHOLARSHIP LETTERS

Because many of our recent scholarship reports were quite detailed in nature, I had, as Newsletter editor facing space limitations, the option of sharing just one or two reports or of offering a greater variety by extracting significant portions from a broader spectrum. I hope you will agree with my decision.

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your support of my research project on politics in the Solomon Islands. My field research and subsequent presentations and publications (in process) were very successful. I completed two-months of field research in Solomon Islands during the summer of 2015, which built upon the two years of dissertation research I completed from 2011-2013. I was able to interview over twenty individuals including a number of chiefs and paramount chiefs. Based on the data gathered this past summer, I was able to write two conference papers and presented three conference panels at the 2015 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado and the 2016 Association for Social Anthropology Annual Conference in San Diego.

One paper, "Chiefs and the State in the Solomon Islands," is slated to become a chapter in an edited volume on chiefs in the Pacific, while the other paper, "Orders of Political Participation in the Solomon Islands," is being submitted with a group of papers on Melanesia for a special edition of an anthropological journal in Australia. The success of this project and subsequent papers would not have been possible without your scholarship.

I had also mentioned to a number of you that I would be taking my infant son, **Deacon**, with me on my research trip and I am happy to report he had a wonderful time. It was so fulfilling for him not only to experience another country, but also to accompany me on interviews. He was a great research partner and made everyone more comfortable and happy. He is a great traveller and I hope he can continue to be my travel partner on future trips. He will have a sibling in a few short weeks—who will hopefully follow in Deacon's shoes and be a world traveller too.

Thank you so much for the scholarship and encouragement. I owe a lot of my success to your support and generosity.

Alexis Tucker Sade, Ph. D. candidate, Department of Anthropology

Dear Friends of the International Center,

Thanks to your scholarship I had the chance to engage in the translation of several works by Mexican writers that I strongly believe should be known by the English-speaking world. This is especially important in these critical moments when anti-Mexican rhetoric has risen again through several powerful voices on the political scene, and has found a voracious audience that has been cheering along. To be a Mexican student in the United States today is to go against resilient and discouraging currents.

I strongly believe in the power of writing as an element of social change. Thank you for helping my practice thrive and for encouraging me to discover new potentials. Thank you for helping me share my experience with others in order to strengthen the ties between our cultures. And thank you so much for this award that has meant a lot to me.

Marco Antonio Huerta-Alardín, MFA candidate, Literature

Chilean Plebiscite

Like many K-12 educators throughout California, my career as a teacher in the San Diego Unified School District was affected by sweeping national changes in education—in my case, policies related to No Child Left Behind that I felt set up our region's ESL students to fail. With a San Diego fellowship from UC San Diego in 2009 to pursue an advanced degree, I am now completing my dissertation "Democracy, Television, and the Mediatization of Chilean Politics."

My current research focuses on the 27-day Chilean Plebiscite of 1988 that, for the first time in 15 years, provided uncensored access to Chilean national television for the political opposition to use against the Pinochet dictatorship. The political advertising developed for that campaign contributed to the peaceful removal of that military regime after 17 years in power. As an international scholar doing my field research in Chile, I was considered a neutral person. Consequently, I became the first person to be given access to the only complete set of political advertising broadcast during those 27 days in 1988. There is a strong possibility that this is the first and only complete set of this material that is publicly available anywhere in the world.

Looking towards future research, I am convinced that this project will provide insights to better understand contemporary links between social media and political change. There is no doubt that my fieldwork would not have been possible without the support of the Friends of the International Center Scholarship.

Harry L. Simón Salazar
Ph.D. candidate,
Department of Communication

Marine Climate Change

This year I have continued my efforts to bring awareness about marine climate change impacts to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) conferences by attending the 42nd meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice in Bonn, Germany (June 2015) and the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP) in Paris, France (December 2015), where the Paris Agreement was adopted. I have also continued my efforts in working across national boundaries to explore how oxygen minimum zones influence benthic communities, and am currently conducting a 12-week fellowship in Coquimbo, Chile at CEAZA (Center for Advanced Studies in Arid Zones) at the Universidad Católica Norte (January-April 2016).

In June, I attended SBSTA 42 in Bonn, Germany in order to learn more about the process of international climate negotiations. During the Spring, I had helped organize and TAed a class on Oceans and the UNFCCC, which was co-taught by **John O. Niles** and **Lisa Levin** at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The goal of the course, and the goal of my attending the SBSTA 42 meeting, was to understand how negotiations on the Paris Agreement were going, conduct interviews with delegates from developing and small island nations about marine impacts from climate change being experienced by their countries, and work to influence the inclusion of the oceans in the negotiating process (and ultimately in the Paris Agreement).

During this meeting, I had the opportunity to interview delegates from Bangladesh, Namibia, the Seychelles, Independent Samoa, and Sweden. I also met with non-governmental organizations involved in the REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) process to better understand how forest ecosystems became such an important negotiating point under the UNFCCC and what lessons ocean scientists may learn from

the history of REDD. Based on my experiences at this meeting, I wrote several blog entries for Ocean Scientists for Informed Policy and posted content on the Ocean Scientists for Informed Policy Facebook group.

Armed with the knowledge to engage more effectively with delegates at future climate change negotiations, I attended UNFCCC COP21 in December 2015 as a member of the Chilean delegation and as part of a group of scientists from SIO. The 21st Conference of the Parties was a very important conference because the final text of the Paris Agreement was being negotiated here, which would replace the Kyoto Protocol set to expire in 2020.

My purpose for attending the COP was to raise awareness about the important role the ocean plays in mitigating climate change and the many impacts sustained by marine ecosystems from climate change as a result of the mitigation services provided by the ocean. I had many meaningful interactions with delegates from developing nations who were concerned about marine climate change impacts. I also directly e-mailed delegates during this process to encourage the inclusion of a reference to the ocean in the Paris Agreement. Ultimately, through the efforts of many parties, this was successful and the oceans are explicitly included in the adopted Paris Agreement.

The scientific group that I am collaborating with in Chile is working on a multidisciplinary study on the influence of the oxygen minimum zone on certain economically important squat lobster species.

I would like to finish this report by thanking the Friends of the International Center for supporting my international research and outreach efforts. I believe that international experiences are crucial for a young scientist because the problems we work on are global. Therefore, we must learn to work across national, language, and disciplinary barriers in order to be



truly effective scientists and leaders. However, most PhD experiences do not provide opportunities for international engagement. The international experiences I have had allow me to see the world (and our interconnectedness) in a new light, and allow me to understand global problems like climate change and environmental management with empathy for all parties involved. For these experiences and impressions, I am very grateful for the support of the Friends of the International Center.

Natalya D. Gallo

Ph. D. Candidate, SIO.

Biological Oceanography

Ruth Newmark Scholarship

Dear Friends of the International Center,

I have recently returned from an amazing study abroad experience in Edinburgh, Scotland. The main focus of this Global Seminar was to explore Scotland's dynamic history with England and Ireland. One of the best aspects of the course was that we were able to learn the history in the classroom and then experience it by travelling to historical landmarks on our weekly excursions.

While abroad, I learned to become much more reflective about my thoughts, actions, and hesitations. Before going abroad, I would do things without taking the time to ask myself why I did them or what came out of them. In Scotland, my interactions with the local people were much different compared to how I interacted with my community at home. I realized early into my trip that I needed to be sensitive and open-minded to the differences in the

new world that I was living in, if only temporarily. As a result, I was able to appreciate the Scottish community, its people, and its customs; I discovered the beauty of Scotland despite having been raised with the American ideals of beauty.

All the lessons I learned in Scotland will serve me for a lifetime and I hope to use what I learned to better myself and the communities I become a part of in the future.

I would like to thank the Friends of the International Center for supporting me in my international experience. Without your help, I never would have had the chance to learn so much about a foreign culture, the histories of influential nations, and myself.

Nhut "Billy" Nguyen

Revelle College, Human Biology major

Anarchists in Argentina and Uruguay

I have greatly benefited from a two-months research trip to Argentina and Uruguay in Summer 2015. I used the money from the Friends of the International Center to fund my flight and one month of my rent in Argentina. During my stay in Argentina, I triangulated oral histories and archival research, as data from the narrators led me towards archival documents at the Argentina National Library, Center for the Documentation and Investigation of Leftist Culture, Center for Uruguayan Interdisciplinary Studies (CEIU), and José Ingenieros Popular Library (BPJI). Ex-members of Argentina's Resistencia Libertaria put me in contact with ex-members of the Uruguayan Anarchist Federation (FAU). I spent two weeks in Uruguay introducing myself to these contacts and snowballing my sample size of narrators. I developed relationships with six ex-members of the FAU, including the group's cofounder, **Juan Carlos Mechoso**.

My research is primarily on the FAU since it was quantitatively and qualitatively larger than any South American anarchist organization of the same epoch. Nine months are necessary to establish trust with narrators as I co-produce the historical narrative by combining objective, popular, and personal knowledge. The oral history content is personal and sensitive and cannot be completed in one sitting. For example, three of the narrators I spoke with in Argentina had been made to disappear and tortured; Juan Carlos Mechoso's brother was murdered by the Argentine state. I am careful to avoid being invasive, because traumatic incarceration experiences are not the focus of my study. Finally, there is urgency to this project because these historical actors are aging—many have already passed away without any documentation of their experiences.

I left my audio recorder with the José Ingenieros Popular Library. They are currently working on building an archive of anarchist activity at the library during the Dirty War era (60s and 70s). I have been collaborating with them by sharing interviews and testimonies. I ventured to Cordoba together with one of the archive's curators to interview ex-

members of the Colonia Lola, an anarchist social center that was operating as a safe house during this epoch of state terror. The library itself also served as a safe house with funding from the UN. They helped exile over 200 militants to Brazil and later to Sweden, Spain, or France.

I am currently a finalist for a Fulbright Fellowship, and this research trip was extremely useful in laying the foundation for my application. I have my fingers crossed that I will be able to return in 2017!

Troy Araiza Kokinis

Ph.D. candidate, Department of History

Dear Friends of the International Center,
It is almost surreal to be back at UC San Diego after spending the 2015 Fall semester in Sweden, at Lund University. Something I really like about Sweden is how much everyone cares about the environment. They have good public transportation, most people bring their own bags to grocery stores, a lot of people ride bikes ... the list goes on and on.

For example, Sweden has an extremely efficient waste management/recycling policy. By source-separating waste at an advanced level, waste can be used much more efficiently at the next level. Food/organic waste can be used as compost, metal and glass can be melted down and reused, the paper can be recycled, and whatever trash is leftover can be burned for heat and energy. Since most organic matter and food has already been separated out of the trash for burning, this will burn hotter and give more energy. These incineration plants provide 20% of the energy used in Sweden's district heating.



Recycling and trash bins at a housing complex

Fun fact: Sweden has become so efficient with its waste management, it does not have enough trash to burn in the incinerators, and so it imports trash from Norway! Sweden's system is definitely something we should strive for, and I hope to emulate my newly found inner Swede in my studies and in life in general.

Overall, my time in Sweden has helped me to grow as a global citizen, student, researcher, and person. None of this would have been possible without your support—without it, I would not have been able to afford a semester at a university overseas. I loved Sweden's pristine environment, historical buildings, rune stones, culture, universities, and people, and would strongly recommend this program to other students looking for the perfect study abroad destination. Thank you for making this possible.

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