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UCEAP Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

(Linda Duttenhaver, Jeremy Hessler, and Julie Osborn)

UCEAP is proud to announce **Julie Osborn** (Costa Rica 1991) as the 2017 recipient of the [Linda Duttenhaver Distinguished Alumni Award](#), and **Jeremy Hessler** (United Kingdom 2005-2006) as the 2017 recipient of the UCEAP Emerging Leader Award. Both alumni were honored at the annual UCEAP Alumni Awards Dinner on Thursday, June 22, held at UC Santa Barbara.

Julie is the co-founder of Ecology Project International, an education non-profit that empowers youth to take an active role in conservation through hands-on field science. The program engages both local and international high school students, who come together to work collaboratively. More than 30,000 students across five countries have participated in EPI's science and conservation programs. Julie participated in the [Tropical Biology & Conservation](#) program at the Monteverde Institute in Costa Rica, and graduated from UC Santa Barbara.

Jeremy is a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, representing the United

States in environmental law cases that involve endangered species and other wildlife. He also counsels federal agencies on how to best comply with environmental statutes in carrying out their missions. Jeremy studied at the [Queen Mary, University of London](#) in the United Kingdom, and graduated from UC Riverside.

Julie and Jeremy both gave acceptance speeches, and shared lessons from their time abroad. Check out pictures from the event [here](#). Congratulations to Julie and Jeremy for their outstanding contributions to their respective career fields, and for being leaders and great examples for current and future UCEAP students!



UK Gala Supports UCEAP Scholarships

(Karly Graf and her parents Eric and Terry Graf. Photo Credit: Fiona Hanson)

This April, [UC Alumni in the UK](#) held their second annual charity gala, at the Law Society in London. Over 80 attendees from 8 UC campuses gathered for a wonderful evening of networking, feasting, speeches and dancing, all for a good cause.

UCEAP Promise Award recipient Karly Graf (UCB 2016-2017), a featured speaker, studied at the London School of Economics and graduated in June with a BA in Political Economy and a minor in Environmental Policy Management. Karly spoke about her experiences abroad, the challenges of being away from home, and what to do after graduation. Through the silent auction, raffle prize-draw, and pledges, over \$17,000 was raised to support study abroad scholarships for UCEAP students! Thank you to UC Alumni UK for your continued support of UCEAP students. Click [here](#) to read Karly's speech and watch video clips from the event.



Beijing Alumni Turn Their Experience into a Career

(DeVante Allen, Elmer Chen, Elaine Poon, Andy Zhang, and Addison Yang)

UCEAP has an active and growing network of alumni living and working in Beijing. DeVante Allen (UCB 2012) was a junior linguistics and Chinese major. It was his first time outside of the United States. He wanted to know what China was really like and had interests in exploring the traditional culture. Elmer Chen (UCSD 2010-2011) extended to a fifth year at Peking University on UCEAP in order “to make it easier to transfer to full time position here in a professional capacity.” Elaine Poon (UCLA 2014) was born in Hong Kong but grew up in California and always wanted to come to China. She was worried about the air pollution in Beijing, but after doing some research and talking with her current employer, she made up her mind to come to Beijing to start her career.

Andy Zhang (UCB 2010) graduated immediately after completing his UCEAP program and stayed in China. “My time with UCEAP probably was the definite highlight in my life. I obtained a lot of practical experience, and it also made me want to do more things education related.” Addison Yang (UCLA 2015-2016) first came to China in 2015, where he spent a year studying at Beijing Normal University and Peking University. “I really wanted to get some firsthand experience in a country that I have never been to before, and I chose China because U.S.-China relations at the time were moving in an interesting direction.”

[Continue reading](#) to learn more about DeVante, Elmer, Elaine, Andy and Addison as they live and work in Beijing.

More From UCEAP

In Memoriam

UCEAP is sad to note the passing of Professor Emeritus David Brokensha, London Study Center Director 1984-86 and advisor for UCEAP programs in Africa. During his tenure at UC Santa Barbara, Professor Brokensha published more than a dozen books and monographs, authored over 50 articles and book chapters, and reviewed more than 40 books. Professor Brokensha was also an exceptional teacher, and he was honored with a UC Santa Barbara Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award in 1980. Professor Brokensha's impacts on the field of anthropology and our university community were significant, and he will be deeply missed by us all.



Two UCEAP students at the University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi combined their passion for sports with their study abroad experience. Francis Tam (UCR) played on the Bocconi lacrosse team and won the 2017 Italian championships! Francis enjoyed the experience, practicing with and playing with many Italian and international students, and going on trips around Italy for away games. Katelyn Chau (UCI) ran in the Stramilano half-marathon in Milan in March. Congratulations Francis and Katelyn.



Staff and friends of UCEAP participated in a fundraiser for the [UCEAP Guardian Scholarship](#) at Draughtsmen Aleworks, a microbrewery and tap room in Goleta, CA, on June 21. Colleagues enjoyed locally brewed beers, games, and conversation, all for a good cause. Draughtsmen Aleworks donated \$1 per pint to the Guardian Scholar Fund, which supports scholarships for UCEAP students who were formally in the foster care system. The evening raised over \$200! Thanks to everyone who participated.



Congratulations to Ben Heins (UCD) and Rebecca Pearlstein (UCB) on their recent engagement – which took place at the Rome Study Center! The pair met while studying abroad in Italy on UCEAP in 2010. As Ben describes, “immersing yourself in another culture can be scary and exciting at the same time, and doing that with someone who you're falling in love with is really something special. I knew no other place would be more fitting for the proposal.”

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Sign up to be a [Scholarship Reader](#) by 9/15/17 for our Spring 2018 review cycle! Over 400 alumni have participated in our Alumni Scholarship Reader program since its launch in 2014. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time this past year and a very special thanks to alumni who have reviewed applications in all eight review periods ([Alumni Scholarship Honor Roll](#)). We hope you will continue to volunteer with UCEAP and support our students. We could not do this important work without you.

UCEAP has a powerful and expanding network of 100,000 alumni in every field and every corner of the world. Whether you want to take the next step in your career or simply catch up with old friends, you'll find many ways to reach out, link up, and join the conversation. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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