



UNA-NCA
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About the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area

Good people and good causes.

The United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA) is one of the largest and most active chapters of UNA-USA. We are a diverse and inclusive group of people from the greater Washington DC Area devoted to educating and mobilizing Americans in support of a strong US-UN partnership.

UNA-NCA uses its unique position in the nation's capital to inform, inspire, and engage local citizens and national leaders through a wide variety of outreach, education, and advocacy programs.

UNA-NCA has been an active force in our community since it was established in April 1953. Through all these years, UNA-NCA has been dedicated to keeping our constituents informed about global issues and the linkages between those issues and our community. UNA-NCA never wavers from its mission to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations, to broaden the UN system, and to strengthen the advancement of United States leadership.



1,002

total members

57%

are YP or student members

2,400

students hosted at youth events

44

educational events and programs

**Cover photo, bottom left, is from UNA-USA's 2012 Better World Campaign Briefing Update*

Dear UNA-NCA members and supporters,

As I approach my final weeks as President of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA), I find myself reflecting on all the fine people I have had the privilege to work with and all the exceptional work we have done together.

When I began this journey four years ago, I told the board that I wanted to make every effort to be more inclusive in our membership outreach to involve more young people, to create opportunities to educate and advocate on gender aspects of our agenda, and to enhance our advocacy programs. It is with great pride that I leave knowing that 57% of our membership is now comprised of Young Professionals (under 40) and students, and that I have represented UNA-NCA in various gender parity forums, including helping to create UNA Women at the national level. We now not only promote the UNA Advocacy Agenda, but also orient our members on the how-tos of advocacy using the Citizens' Guide to Advocacy that we prepared in my first year.

One additional initiative with positive impact during these years is the improved governance function. We transformed our nominating committee to become the governance committee with year-round responsibilities. This has created the environment in which we have undertaken a comprehensive strategic planning process.

UNA-NCA works closely with UNA-USA and its alliance partners, the Better World Campaign and the UN Foundation. I believe this relationship has grown in mutually productive ways. In addition, as the Chair of the National UNA-USA Steering Committee, I have been able to serve as a liaison between UNA-USA and our chapter as well as the 120 chapters throughout the country.

We need such collaborations, as well as those with our local allied partners, to meet the demands of

humanitarian, health, environmental, and other global crises. The need for an effective United Nations and strong US leadership is enormous. Global problems do not stop at our borders and the US cannot resolve them alone, which is why UNA-NCA wants to strengthen our programs. Our unique position in the nation's capital and our partnership opportunities, allow and require us to be effective.

But to be effective, we need the human and financial resources to maintain and further develop our education and advocacy programs. Dedicated volunteers have stepped in to help as declining funds have forced us to cut back during the last few years. The challenges ahead are both substantive — the need to inform UNA members and the public including Congress about the UN — and operational as we must increase financial support to meet the expanding need. Despite our challenges, see what we have done this year!

The pages that follow describe these efforts and inspire me to continue to work with the incoming President, Ambassador Donald T. Bliss (retired), and the fine staff and volunteers that have made UNA-NCA the largest UNA chapter.

Your continued involvement and support allow us to maintain and strengthen our programs.

Sincerely,



Global Classrooms DC

In response to increased participation from schools in both the Washington area and abroad, Global Classrooms DC (GCDC) experienced significant growth in the areas of curriculum development, professional development, and youth events during the 2012-2013 school year. In particular this year, GCDC:

- achieved a 32% increase in elementary and middle school participants
- partnered with a total of 90 school groups, up from 83 last year
- hosted more than 750 students at youth events throughout the year
- strengthened partnerships with the State Department and DC Public Schools (which now make up 70% of GCDC school groups)
- worked with over 100 volunteers from local universities and organizations at youth events

Curriculum Development

By expanding and strengthening curriculum materials for teachers and trainers, GCDC was able to give students the opportunity to improve their ability to write, think analytically and creatively, develop empathy, and work collaboratively with others.

The GCDC team created original curriculum resources for the topics discussed at GCDC's Fall and Spring Model UN conferences. These resources included the following components:

- Background Guides – provide overviews for topic, including maps and questions to consider
- Model UN Mini-Simulations– include materials for students to role-play as representatives from countries around the world
- Primary Source Packets– collections of personal testimonies and other primary source documents for each topic
- Conference Prep Packets– guide students through the process of country research, topic research, and UN procedures

GCDC Topics of Focus

- Child Marriage (United Nations Children's Fund)
- Climate Change (UN Environment Programme)
- Cyber Security (ECOSOC)
- The Situation in Syria (Security Council)

Professional Development Workshops

This year Global Classrooms DC facilitated a high volume of workshops for both teachers and volunteers to assist in introducing Model UN curriculum and materials to students.

- DCPS Community Partner Fair: Connecting School Leaders with Community Partners at Eastern HS (June 29)
- High School and Middle School Social Studies Expo GCDC workshops at McKinley Technology HS (August 22)
- 5th and 6th grade teacher training at Meridian International (October 2)
- Georgetown Model UN cohort (Hoyas for GCDC) training (September 24)
- 5th and 6th grade teacher training at Meridian International (February 13)
- GCDC Spring Model UN committee staff training – (March 29, April 1, April 5)

GCDC Youth Team

The GCDC Youth Team of high school volunteers continues to thrive, actively supporting curriculum design, event logistics, and communications.

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Youth Team members also have been published by the Huffington Post, garnered major college scholarships, tweeted about topically relevant resources, and served as Model UN committee



staff. The GCDC youth team also publishes the GCDC Advocate newsletter, a monthly curriculum supplement that links to online resources and local events.

Youth Events

GCDC and Cyprus Friendship Program: Thursday, July 12, 2012

The GCDC Youth Team had the amazing opportunity to meet four students from the Cyprus Friendship Program. The group of American and Cypriot teens learned about each other's programs. GCDC also learned about the situation in Cyprus through first-hand accounts. It was an eye-opening cross-cultural learning experience.

GCDC Leadership Summit for Girls in Model UN: Tuesday, October 9, 2012

To celebrate the first International Day of the Girl Child, GCDC partnered with the UN Foundation Girl Up Campaign to host a small leadership conference for outstanding female Model UN participants. They learned about issues girls face around the world and what they can do to help. "I left the workshop feeling that I can make a difference," said Elena, a high school freshman.

GCDC Model UN Mini-Simulation for Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital: Wednesday, October 10, 2012

On October 10, 2012, GCDC provided a Model UN workshop at the State Department for Girl Scouts from the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. Keynote speakers Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Archbishop Desmond Tutu announced initiatives, such as Girls Not Brides, to end child marriage by 2030. GCDC offered a Model United Nations mini-simulation for girls looking to earn a Public Policy Badge. Girls diplomatically discussed the practice of child marriage around the world and voted on resolutions to alleviate the problem. The day's activities fostered a sense of confidence in girls while building communication and negotiation skills.

GCDC Topic Conferences: UNICEF Conference, Saturday, October 13, 2012

Seventy middle and high school students convened at The School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University for a full-day GCDC conference focused around UNICEF committees on Child Soldiers, Child Marriage, and Access to Education. High school Secretary-General, Elena Kervitsky, welcomed delegates and keynote speaker



Carol Bellamy, former UNICEF Director, now Chair of the Global Education Partnership housed at The World Bank. She shared her knowledge about the role of UNICEF and the situation of children around the world.

GCDC Student Leader Workshop with the US Institute of Peace: Monday, March 11, 2013

Global Classrooms DC and the US Institute of Peace's Global Peacebuilding Center co-hosted a peace and conflict workshop for 20 middle and high school students from the DC area. The student leaders developed strategies for effective negotiation, communication, and peacekeeping which they then shared with peers in their Model UN classes and clubs at school. The students

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also put these skills into practice at the May 7th GCDC Spring Model UN Conference held at the State Department.



GCDC Spring Model UN Conference at the US Department of State and Pan American Health Organization: Tuesday, May 7, 2013

On May 7th, over 600 middle and high school students, coming from 30 different schools in DC, Virginia, Maryland, and even Ghana attended the annual GCDC Spring Model UN Conference at the US Department of State. Over 80 volunteers from UNA-NCA, the State Department, and elsewhere

helped make the event a great success.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources, gave the keynote address at the Opening Ceremonies and spoke to the students about the importance of developing a global mindset at an early age. She was introduced by Senator Timothy Wirth, Vice Chair of the United Nations Foundation. This year's Secretary-General was Eliisa Carter, a senior at Albert Einstein High School in Kensington, MD. Eliisa officially opened the conference with the bang of the gavel and gave brief remarks. Students then headed to their separate committees where they debated topics like climate change, child marriage, cyber security, and the situation in Syria, while working together to pass resolutions.

“I would love to study international relations when I attend college this Fall, so Model UN helped me discover how it would be to try and communicate with other countries”- GCDC student, Grade 12, Climate Change Committee

Key partners of UNA-NCA also attended the conference, including the UNA-USA, DC Public Schools'

Embassy Adoption Program, Plan International, Pepco Holdings and the US Institute of Peace.

Partnerships

GCDC continues to maintain a strong partnership with the DCPS Embassy Adoption Program (EAP) and Washington Performing Arts Society (WPAS) which has helped engage more 5th and 6th grade students who wouldn't otherwise be introduced to complex global issues. GCDC also had the chance to work with new partners like the US Institute of Peace, Plan International, and the UN Foundation's Girl Up Campaign to facilitate skill building workshops and provide global learning resources for students.

GCDC also established the Going Global Collaborative this year along with Cultural Tourism DC, the Girls and Boys Club of Greater Washington, and the YWCA of the National Capital Area. The collaboration was convened by Pepco Holdings to develop global citizens and leaders, reveal career opportunities and inspire mutual understanding through information and cultural exchanges such as embassy tours and classroom curriculum.

UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program

led by Dr. Laurence Peters, the UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program for Spring 2013 welcomed 20 graduate students from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Johns Hopkins University (SAIS), George Washington University, Georgetown University, Trinity University, American University, and George Mason University. Since its inception in 1991, the program has honed its fellows' skills in international relations, development, trade, and finance. Peters, the UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program Director, worked with UNA-NCA's VP for Education and Programs, Abigail Pereira, to create an interesting and thought-provoking 10-session syllabus for the fellows. Topics in the syllabus delved into issues that confront the UN today. Tapping into the rich resource of non-profit, government, and international organizations in DC, Peters invited experts from the academia, the UN, and the Congress to lead discussions. Some notable highlights included a discussion between then-Senator John Kerry's senior foreign policy advisor and his counterpart on the Republican controlled House Foreign Affairs Committee, an introduction to UN careers given by Fernando Flores, UN Commissioner for Latin America, and discussions on the UN Security Council led by Professor David Bosco from American University and Thomas Wright from the Brookings Institute.

To accomplish a full-credit grade, the fellows were encouraged to participate in an internship within international organizations. The UNA-NCA Graduate Fellows Program has hosted over 500 students and 40 international organizations to date.

The next UNA-NCA Fellows program will be held in Spring 2014.



United Nations Month

UN Month, our annual month-long series of events to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter, was a resounding success this past year, adding a hundred new members to the organization. The 2012 UN Month celebration kicked off on October 4th with a lively Happy Hour at Café Citron.

Festivities unofficially began on October 3rd, when UNA-NCA and the Universal Peace Federation hosted a roundtable discussion on the serious topic of human trafficking in America. In the following week, the SID-Washington Latin America/Caribbean and Monitoring & Evaluation Workgroups facilitated a discussion on the focus of migration concerns for development practitioners and policymakers.

With a shift from these discussion-centered events, the first annual GCDC Middle School Model UN Conference opened on October 13, 2012 at the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. The conference engaged students in topics relevant and important to their age group, such as child soldiers, child marriage, and access to education.

The conversation among academic experts, political leaders, and other interested members of UNA-NCA continued to flow throughout the week of October 15th. Events tackled issues such as the European Union and international organizations in crisis, insurgent violence in the North Caucasus, and Rio+20, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The week of October 22nd began with the Presidential Debate Watch Party, which presented an informal environment to network and discuss foreign policy issues. This casual atmosphere continued into Trivia Night: UN Month Edition the following evening, as participants challenged each other on the history of the UN. In the latter half of this week, the Business Forum for UNA-NCA's Global Classrooms and the talk on the Norwegian cure for Dutch Disease, offered more structured settings in which to discuss critical issues of the UN related to education and public health.

The 2012 UN Month came to a close with a Happy Hour at Local 16 on October 26th, and the following Young Professional International Career Dinners. This month-long celebration ended on a positive and promising note with its final event entitled "What the UN Can and Should Do to Fight Corruption." UNA-NCA Advisory Council Member Frank Vogl, founder of Transparency International, presented his new book, *Waging War on Corruption: Inside the Movement Fighting the Abuse of Power*.



2012 UN Month Events

- Human Trafficking in America
- UN Month Kickoff Happy Hour
- Measuring the Development Impact of Migration in Central America
- Middle School Model UN Conference
- The European Union and International Organizations in Crisis
- Insurgent Violence in the North Caucasus: Pathways and Trajectories Explaining Insurgent Participation
- Lunch & Learn: Rio + 20
- Foreign Policy Networking and Debate Watch Party
- Trivia Night: UN Month Edition
- Business Forum for Global Classrooms Reception
- The Norwegian Cure for Dutch Disease
- Rotary Club Meet and Greet
- UN Month Closing Happy Hour
- Young Professionals Career Dinners
- What the UN Can and Should Do About International Corruption

YP International Career Dinners

The Young Professionals (YP) program hosted its International Career Dinner Series as one of the final events during UN Month on October 27, 2012. As a continuation of their commitment to help young professionals launch global careers, the YP program hosted another series on April 20, 2013.

This signature event invites young professionals to engage with Washington's top professionals in their chosen fields. It begins with a networking reception followed by topical dinners held in a range of settings, both in public and private locations throughout the DC metro area. Each dinner features distinguished speakers who share stories, answer questions, and offer advice based on their experiences in the industry. Conversations go well into the evening and some have even stopped short of midnight due to the participants not noticing the time!

Fall 2012

The International Career Dinner Series in Fall 2012 brought together more than 100 attendees at eight individual dinners. "We're really excited about how this program has grown," Colleen Teixeira Moffat said, "We started two years ago with about 40 attendees and five dinners, and each event is bigger than the last." Teixeira Moffat is responsible for designing the International Career Dinner Series program as the former VP and Chair of the Young Professionals program.

Meighan Stone, Vice President of Communications and Special Projects at World Food Program USA, delivered the evening's keynote address at a reception on Capitol Hill. She defined this generation of leaders as "connectors and change-makers," regardless of their chosen field, and encouraged young professionals to drive meaningful conversations throughout their careers.

Career fields tackled in the Fall 2012 series included:

- Careers in Human Rights**
- Careers in Corporate Social Responsibility**
- Careers in Peace and Security**
- Careers in International Law**
- Careers in Foreign Service**
- Careers in International Development**
- Women in International Affairs**

Formats for these events can vary by occasion. Careers in International Organizations, for instance, was hosted as a Special Maryland Edition featuring a unique reception and dinner structure. This was the first time YP replicated the Career Dinner Series on the same night in a separate location. The Special Edition provided better access for young professionals in Maryland, with over 25 individuals attending.

Spring 2013

The Stewart Mott House served as a perfect location for the cocktail reception, where guests shared their reasons for attending the event and their expectations for the evening. Upon being asked whether they wanted jobs in international affairs, attendees raised their hands enthusiastically. When asked if currently employed in this field, however, a strong majority of attendees replied that they were

not, which further emphasized the importance of these dinner series. Exceptional speakers from diverse professional backgrounds inspired conversations about international relations, including a variety of new topics:

- Careers in International Policy**
- Careers in Conflict and Post Conflict Settings**
- Careers in International Non-Profits**
- Careers in Economic Development**
- Landing a Job in International Development**
- Gender Parity in International Affairs**

The Keynote Speaker, Sandy Coburn, Manager of Integrated Fund Development at World Food Program USA, kicked off the evening with practical advice on how to launch an early career. She asked attendees to consider marketing themselves not necessarily with the job they have, but for the job they want to have. According to Sandy, this is accomplished by simply combining passion with skill set on a business card: "International and Communications." Young professionals should set off to discover their own "and."

Most of the Spring 2013 Career Dinners were hosted in the private homes of UNA-NCA Board members. Careers in International Law was repeated due to its high demand in the past, while Careers in International Organizations dinner was featured again as a Special Maryland Edition due to its success in Fall 2012.

The International Career Dinner Series produces a mentorship and camaraderie that is valued by attendees, evidenced by the fact that so many of them become UNA-NCA members at the event.

This event continues to be a success each year because of the generosity of hosts who open their homes for dinners, speakers who guide career paths for guests, and YP Committee members who volunteer and support logistics.



Human Rights Luncheon

Last December 11th, UNA-NCA hosted its annual Human Rights Luncheon to commemorate the 64th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to recognize the outstanding work and progress that individuals are making to advance Human Rights in our community. Over 150 partners and supporters attended the event, including Congressman James Moran of Virginia, The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee of Texas, the first ever American UN Youth Observer, Brooke Loughrin, and many other distinguished guests.

The program began with opening remarks from UNA-NCA President, Karen Mulhauser, and a moving invocation from Susie Hayward, Senior Program Officer of the Religion and Peacemaking Center at the United States Institute of Peace. Rodney Bent, Director of the United Nations Information Center, read Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon's Proclamation of Human Rights Day.

The 2012 UNA-NCA Louis B. Sohn Human Rights Award was given to Tom Andrews, former member of Congress, and President and CEO of United to End Genocide. The award was presented by his long-time friend and colleague, Congressman James Moran. Andrews shared stories and highlights from his many experiences working with human rights organizations and in the field, even traveling across the Chinese border into Myanmar to witness firsthand the treatment of the ethnic minority groups. He described historic failures to promote human rights, especially regarding the genocide in Rwanda, asking provocative questions like: "Where were we?" Andrews's inspirational words served as a call to attention for everyone in the room to ask themselves what they can do to ensure that genocide and other human rights atrocities do not happen again.

UNA-NCA also presented the 2012 Perdita Huston Human Rights Award to Charito Kruvant, Founder and CEO of Creative Associates International. Kruvant was introduced by Kathleen Kuehnast, Director of the Gender and Peacebuilding Center at the United States Institute of Peace. With great compassion and kindness, Kruvant reminded the audience, "Sometimes we have forgotten our humanity. We have forgotten the most vulnerable. We must remember to always honor our humanity. We have a responsibility to always work for those who are the most vulnerable." Throughout her career, Kruvant has advocated for the education of women and girls, recognizing the impact that empowered women can have on their communities.



Spotlight: 2012 Human Rights Awards

UNA-NCA Louis B. Sohn Human Rights Award

Tom Andrews

Former member of Congress and President and CEO of United to End Genocide

UNA-NCA Perdita Huston Human Rights Award

Charito Kruvant

Founder and CEO of Creative Associates International

Events

June 2012

The Annual Membership Meeting

UNA-NCA took the time to reflect on its accomplishments and challenges over the past year and recognize some of its outstanding volunteer leaders. The UNA-NCA Evelyn Falkowski Service Award was presented to Robert Berg to honor his many years of service leading the Graduate Fellows program. Florence Pepper Schott was given the UNA-NCA Arthur W. Johnson Leadership Award to honor the many years of leadership she provided to the organization. Schott served as both the Executive Director and President of UNA-NCA.

Joint Happy Hour with UNA-NCA and UNA-USA Young Professionals

Together, UNA-NCA and UNA-USA hosted a happy hour to allow local young professionals to network with other young professionals visiting Washington.

International Career Social Media Forum

Mark Engman, the Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at the US Fund for UNICEF, spoke about his career and decisions that led to his focus on foreign policy and international development. The International Career Social Media forum took place through Twitter and Facebook.



Commemorating long-time UNA-NCA leader Richard Griffis's life through a tree-planting ceremony.

September 2012

Interested in Working for the UN?

UNA-NCA hosted a special briefing by the State Department's Bureau of International Organization Affairs about career opportunities at the United Nations. The program focused on opportunities through the UN Young Professionals Program.

October 2012

See **United Nations Month Special Feature and the Young Professionals Career Dinners, Pages 8-9, 10-11.**

November 2012

Sustainable Development Networking Mixer

The Sustainable Development Committee hosted a networking mixer for members, professionals, and students to meet and mingle with others interested in climate change issues and UN sustainable development initiatives.

Africa Committee Happy Hour

The YP Africa Committee hosted a happy hour at Ghana Café to give UNA-NCA members an opportunity to network with members of the Africa Committee.

Building and Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the New Republic of South Sudan

The Library of Congress and UNA-NCA held an event that explored the challenges of increasing the capacity of South Sudan to collect and preserve the national cultural heritage and history of its new nation. The event featured Marieta Harper, Area Specialist of the African and Middle Eastern Division at the Library of Congress, John Dau from the John Dau Foundation and one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan," Hanibol Goitom, Law Library Specialist on South Sudan at the Law Library of Congress, and Abioye Oyewole, Co-Chair of the UNA-NCA African Affairs Committee.

US Involvement in Africa

Together with Africare and America's Impact, the YP Africa Committee hosted Ambassador John Campbell, senior fellow for Africa policy studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, and John Temin, Director of the Sudan and South Sudan Program at the United States Institute of Peace. They spoke about the United States' role on the African continent.

Events

November 2012

2012 Election Results and the UN: A Brief on How the UN Fares with a New Administration and Congress

Peter Yeo, Executive Director of the Better World Campaign and Vice President for Public Policy at the UN Foundation, briefed attendees on the results of the 2012 US election and how Obama's second-term and the new Congress would affect the work and mission of the UN.

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

Representatives from the labor, business, civil society, and public sectors spoke on their perspectives about the opportunities and challenges of implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Following the presentation there was an interactive discussion and question-and-answer session moderated by speaker Eric Biel from the International Labor Bureau at the US Department of Labor. UNA-NCA Advisory Council member Nancy Donaldson also served as a speaker on behalf of the International Labour Organization.

December 2012

See Human Rights Luncheon, Pages 14-15.

January 2013

Emerging Markets and Sustainability

The UNA-NCA Sustainable Development Committee hosted a discussion on sustainable innovations and advancements. The event explored the changing dialogue concerning emerging markets and best practices, and discussed aspects of the UN Millennium Development Goals that still need to be achieved in reference to sustainability. The speaker was John Morfaw, author of Project Sustainability and founder and CEO of Tanyimor Project LLC and Tanyimor Foundation Inc.



The Environment and Development in China: Domestic and International Implications

A panel of experts from non-profit organizations and think tanks discussed the impact of rapid development in China. The panelists spoke on the environmental consequences of development, and the role of the environment in China's development. Featured panelists included: Robert Sheperd, Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs, The George Washington University; Damien Ma, Analyst, Eurasia Group; Dr. Charles V. Barber, Forest Division Chief in the Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, US Department of State; Molly Walton, Research Associate, Energy and National Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies.



February 2013

Maryland 6th District Constituents Briefing and Orientation

Ken Cummings, Foreign Affairs Aide to Congressman Chris Van Hollen (MD District 8), met with members of Maryland's 6th District to review current issues affecting the US-UN relationship and proven methods of lobbying members of Congress.

Meet Your Mentor

This speed-dating "Meet Your Mentor" event allowed three generations of experienced women to cross-mentor each other on topics such as work and life balance, career transitions, traveling or working abroad, and graduate schools.

Advisory Council Reception

Led by Stephen Moseley, the UNA-NCA Advisory Council hosted a special event at the private residence of Esther Coopersmith. Speakers included Dr. Princeton Lyman, former Special Envoy for Sudan and South Sudan, and Vivian Lowery Derrick, President and CEO of The Bridges Institute.

March 2013

South African Human Rights Day

A special screening of *Courting Justice*, a movie about seven South African women judges and their deep commitment to human rights, captivated attendees. The film emphasized the importance of the judiciary in an up-and-coming constitutional democracy. Speakers elaborated on these themes. They included Ruth Cowan, Executive Director and Producer of *Courting Justice*; Dean Okianer Dark, Howard University School of Law; Charlotte Nhlapo, South Africa Human Rights Commission; Judge Sheila Tillerson Adam, National Bar Association, Prince George's County and Seventh

Events

March 2013 (Continued)

Judicial Circuit Administrative Judge; Sarah Kambou, President, International Center for Research on Women; Relinda Louisy, Law Firm of Relinda Louisy LL.M, Former Human Rights Attorney at the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights at the Organization of the American States.



April 2013

See **Young Professionals Career Dinners** Pages 10-11.

Cyberthreats and Use of Force: International and Domestic Standards

The UNA-NCA International Law Committee and the American Society for International Law co-sponsored a three part series on the use of force. The first installment explored the legal aspects of selected areas of cybersecurity in the United States and the extent to which existing national and international rules and policies respond to current challenges relating to cyberthreats. Panelists included Frank J. Cilluffo, Associate Vice President Director, Homeland Security Policy Institute, The George Washington University, Professor Catherine Lotrionte, Director of the Institute for Law, Science and Global Security and Visiting Assistant Professor of Government and Foreign Service at Georgetown University, Mr. Steward Baker, Partner at Steptoe & Johnson, and Colonel Gary D.Brown, USAF, Ret.

The Use of Force Against a Nuclear Threat from Iran

In the second installment of a three part series on the use of force, the UNA-NCA International Law Committee and American Society for International Law explored the circumstances in which force would be consistent with international and domestic law to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. This discussion forum was moderated by David Birenbaum, former US Ambassador to the United Nations for UN Management and Reform and of counsel to the firm of Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson. Speakers included William Taft IV, former Legal Adviser to the State Department, US Ambassador to NATO, Acting Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense; Davis Robinson, former Legal Adviser to the State Department and Senior Counsel to the Crowell and Moring firm.

May 2013

See **Global Classrooms Model United Nations Conference, Pages 4-9.**

Social Justice in Sustainable Development

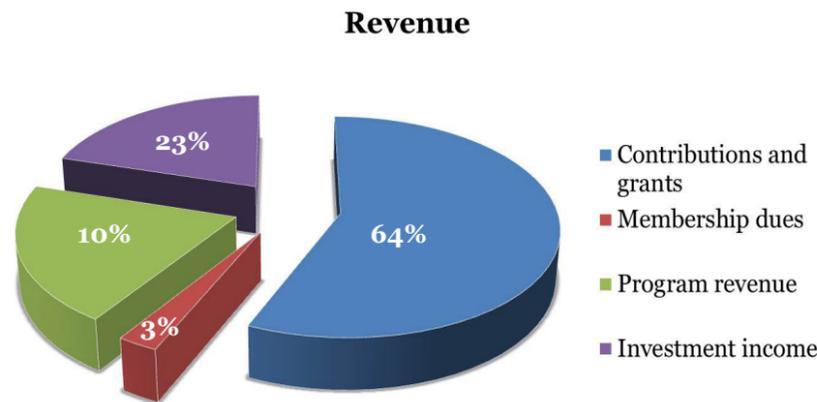
Wade Channell, Senior Legal Advisor from the US Agency for International Development (USAID) led a small-group discussion on the primary importance of social justice in sustainable development. He opened up the interactive forum with the question, “Why is there poverty?” to which various members of the audience proposed different answers. He concluded his remarks on international development with an open Question-and-Answer session in which audience members raised significant questions regarding human rights in relation to issues of international economic reform. The conversation continued well after the main discussion ended with a brief networking session that followed as attendees reflected on the event.

Support for the Syrian Insurgency

In the last installment of a three-part series on the use of force, the International Law Committee and the American Society of International Law addressed an important question regarding the legal constraints that the US could face in providing greater support to Syrian insurgents. As the final leg of the three-part series on the use of force, moderator Davis Robinson, who serves as the Senior Counsel in the International Dispute Resolution Group, was joined by remarkable panelists Ashley Deeks, Mona Yacoubian, and Allan Gerson. Each panelist gave their own views and interpretations on the role of the US in such international affairs, and on the United Nations Charter prohibitions in Article 2(4).



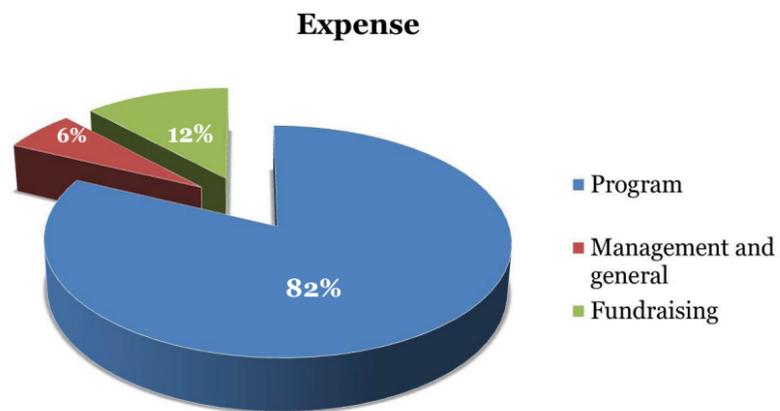
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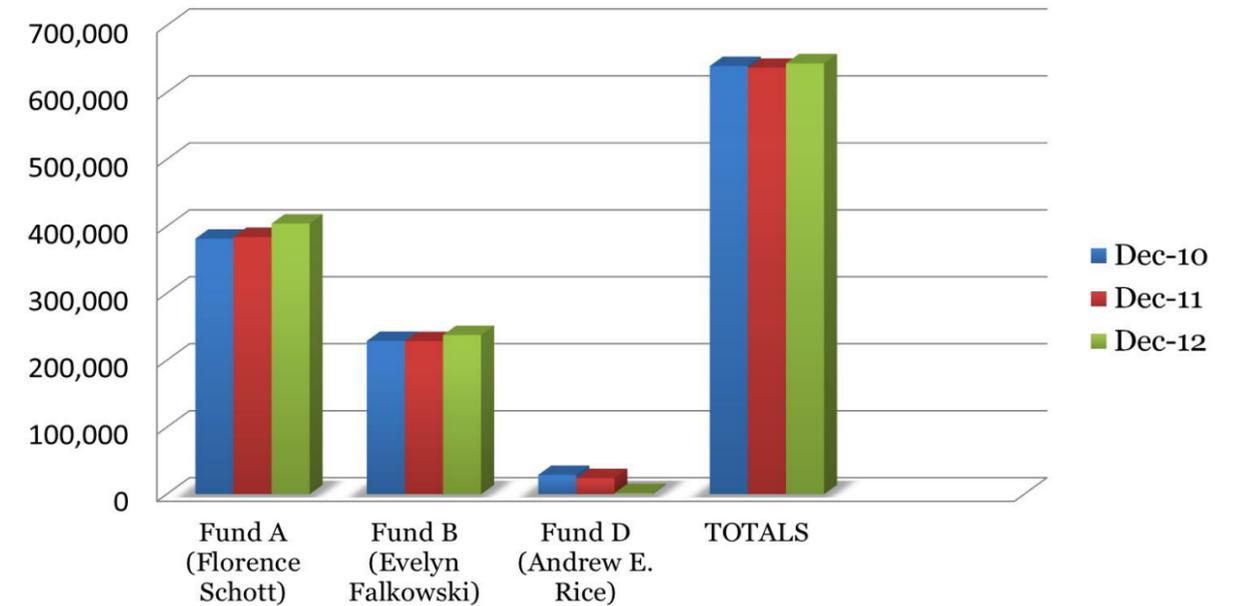
Assets	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 27,909
Pledges receivable	\$ 5,068
Prepaid expenses	\$ 4,908
Investments	\$ 643,271
Fixed assets, net accumulated depreciation of \$23,171 and \$22,577 respectively	\$ 338
Security deposits	\$ 2,975
Total assets	\$684,469

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 4,760
Due to UNA-USA	\$ 2,700
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,460

Net Assets	
Unrestricted: Undesignated	(\$124,432)
Board designated	\$ 402,199
Total unrestricted	\$ 277,767
Temporarily restricted	\$331,019
Permanently restricted	\$ 68,223
Total net assets	\$ 677,009
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 684,469



Endowment and Investment Funds



UNA-NCA Endowment and Investment Funds

	Dec-10	Dec-11	Dec-12
Fund A (Florence Schott)	\$ 381,620	\$ 384,165	\$ 404,079
Fund B (Evelyn Falkowski)	\$ 228,836	\$ 228,681	\$ 237,630
Fund D (Andrew E. Rice)	\$ 28,891	\$ 23,970	\$ 1,710
TOTALS	\$ 639,347	\$ 636,816	\$ 643,271

The table above gives the value of the investment funds for the past three years as of December 31.

Fund A (Florence Pepper Schott Fund) and Fund D (Andrew E. Rice Global Education Fund) are invested in a diversified portfolio of domestic and some foreign stocks and bonds, chosen for both income and capital appreciation. Fund B (Evelyn Falkowski Fund) is invested in high-yielding securities intended to fund the rent of the UNA-NCA office, as much as possible. Chosen to provide income, this fund cannot be expected to show significant appreciation.

The remaining revenue in Fund C (Perdita Huston Fund) was used to support curriculum development for Global Classrooms and has now been closed.

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