

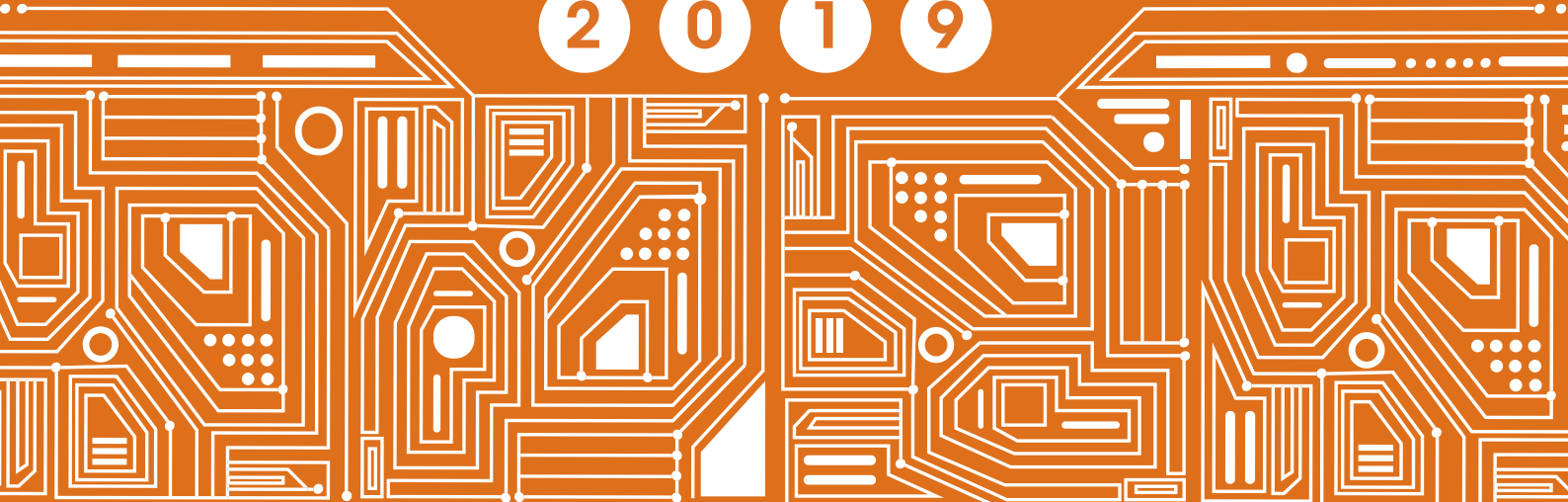
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Glenn Blumhorst
President & CEO,
National Peace Corps
Association (NPCA)

Welcome to Austin!

This year's theme, "Innovation for Good," highlights how the Peace Corps community leverages innovation to change the world for good. As Austin has fast become a hotbed of innovation, our local hosts, Heart of Texas Peace Corps Association, have seasoned Peace Corps Connect with a special sauce for the social entrepreneur in all of us, while also setting an agenda that will energize and mobilize the Peace Corps community on the issues and causes that are near to our hearts.

We recognize our generous sponsors, whose financial support helps make Peace Corps Connect possible, especially Clark University, Tetra Tech, FHI360, RTI International, Thunderbird School of Global

Management, NYU School of Professional Studies, and SIT Graduate Institute. We gratefully acknowledge the University of Texas for serving as our venue, and our foremost partner, the Peace Corps agency, for its leadership implementing Peace Corps Connect with us.

A special thank you to our event speakers, panelists, and volunteers, as well as each and every one of you for your participation. By being here, you are helping build a more united, vibrant, and impactful Peace Corps community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Blumhorst". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



**Sally Waley and
Michele Hockett
Cooper**

Co-Chairs, Peace
Corps Connect 2019

Welcome from HoTPCA

On behalf of the Heart of Texas Peace Corps Association, we are thrilled to welcome y'all to Austin!

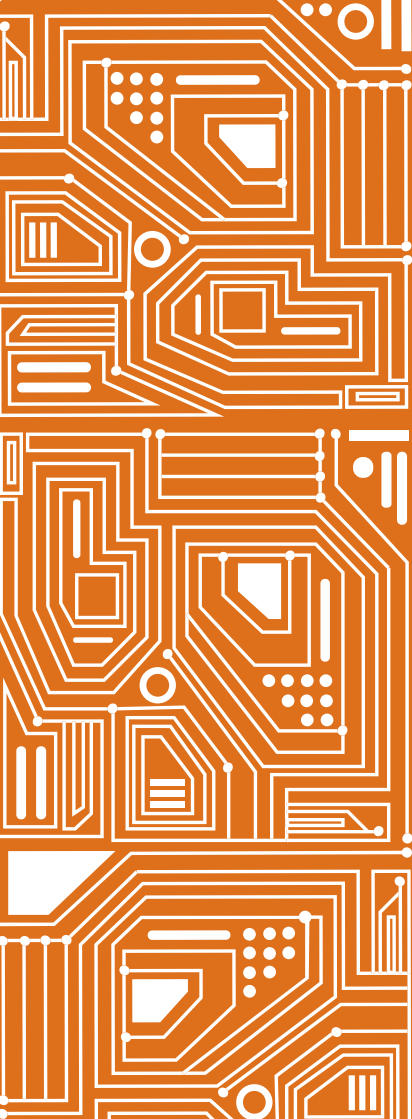
HoTPCA is a thriving community bringing Central Texas RPCVs together through our grants program, Third Goal activities, and events, both volunteer and social. Our group is a cross-section of Austin's artists, activists, entrepreneurs, and passionate people dedicated to keeping our world vibrant.

We are so excited to share our city with you, and we hope that throughout the conference you will get a true taste of Austin, whether it's through the Pitch Competition, regional dinners around town, volunteering in the community, or your own exploration. We hope you'll

help us #KeepPCCWeird in Austin this year.

We want to extend our thanks to our amazing local volunteer team. They'll be easy to find, clad in tie-dye. We have been overwhelmed by their dedication and hard work throughout the last year of preparation.

Our gracious host, the University of Texas at Austin, has a saying that we think applies to many of our Peace Corps experiences, and we hope you'll take to heart during the conference: what starts here changes the world. We encourage you to get inspired by what you learn, who you meet, and what you experience, and go change the world with it. Welcome to Austin!



Friday Sessions

9:00 am - 10:30 am | Opening Plenary

Connally Ballroom

A Conversation with Peace Corps Director Jody Olsen and NPCA President Glenn Blumhorst



Jody Olsen
Director,
Peace Corps

Dr. Josephine (Jody) Olsen, PhD, MSW, was sworn into office as the 20th Director of the Peace Corps in March 2018.

Dr. Olsen began her career as a Peace Corps Volunteer, serving in Tunisia from 1966-1968. She has since served the agency in multiple leadership positions—as Acting Director in 2009; Deputy Director from 2002-2009; Chief of Staff from 1989-1992; Regional Director, North Africa, Near East, Asia, Pacific from 1981- 1984; and Country Director in Togo from 1979-1981.

Prior to returning to the Peace Corps in 2018, Dr. Olsen served as Visiting Professor at the University of Maryland-Baltimore School of Social Work and Director of the University's Center for Global Education Initiatives.

She also oversaw health research projects in Malawi while teaching courses on international social work, global social policy, and global women and children's health.



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9:00 am - 10:30 am

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Presentation of the Deborah Harding Women of Achievement Award

- **Kathleen Corey**, President, Women of Peace Corps Legacy

Presentation of the Loret Miller Ruppe Awards for Outstanding Community Service

- **Mariko Schmitz**, Board Director, NPCA

10:30 am - 10:45 am

Connally Ballroom

Coffee & Networking



10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Documentary Room

The Human Faces of Climate Change: Anote's Ark

- **Michael Roman** (RPCV Kiribati), Professor, University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash

Anote's Ark, a documentary dealing with the realities of climate justice and migration, will be followed by a Q&A with Michael Roman, an RPCV who served in Kiribati and has talked about the human impact of climate change for 20 years. He will be joined by Kaeruru "Lulu" DeBoer, a filmmaker who is half I-Kiribati and half American, who is currently producing a feature documentary on climate change and Kiribati.

10:45 am - 11:35 am

Connally Ballroom

International Office Innovations in Higher Learning

- **Sarayu Adeni**, Global Health Program Coordinator, University of Texas (UT) International Office
- **Laura Caloudas**, Senior Program Coordinator, Special Projects, UT International Office
- **Jacqui Stewart Hobbs**, Peace Corps Campus Recruiter, UT Austin
- **Laurie Young**, Director for Special Projects, UT International Office

Learn about UT Austin's International Office and how their programs are helping to create a more globally-focused learning environment, including the new Peace Corps Prep Program, the President's Award for Global Learning, and the Global Health program with Dell Med including the AMPATH Consortium in Kenya.



10:45 am - 11:35 am

Schmidt

Be Your Own Boss: Become an Entrepreneur

- **Elizabeth Gore**, President and Chairwoman, Alice

There are 543,000 businesses launched each month in the U.S. No other person would be more equipped to launch a business than a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV). Having an entrepreneurial spirit is why you joined in the first place.

This seminar will take you through what it takes to launch and scale a business! You will leave with the use of technology through www.HelloAlice.com to guide you through your journey.

Nowotny

Innovations in Global Issues Advocacy

- **Jonathan Pearson** (Micronesia 1987-1989), Advocacy Director, NPCA
- **Ken Patterson** (Niger 1987-1990), Global Grassroots Advocacy Director, RESULTS
- **Lila Holzman** (Panama 2012-2014), Energy Program Manager, As You Sow

The 2018 book *How Change Happens* examines why some social change movements in the past thirty years succeed, while others don't. With that as our guide, a panel of RPCV leaders on the front lines of some of the key global issues of our time will consider strategies, innovations, and success stories (and possibly some failures) in an interactive discussion aimed at re-introducing you to how we move from hope to victory on issues that reflect our Peace Corps values.

10:45 am - 11:35 am

Legends

Transition Assistance for Recent RPCVs

- **Ron Bloch**, Partner, Bloch and Brown Associates
- **Richard "Dick" Pyle**, Former Agency Psychologist, Peace Corps
- **Randy Adams**, Independent Consultant
- **Juliana Essen**, CEO & Founder, Global Wellbeing Institute

Meet with seasoned professionals who are dedicated to helping RPCVs transition to their next step after Peace Corps.

Resume Critiques - Certified LinkedIn Recruiter Ron Bloch will give pointers on optimizing LinkedIn profiles and resumes.

Transition Counseling - Dr. Richard Pyle, former psychologist at Peace Corps headquarters, will introduce NPCA's Support Network.

Career Mentoring - Dr. Randy Adams, expert in the NGO and community development arena, will discuss how to take advantage of RPCV mentors.

Start-Up Support - Dr. Juliana Essen, Founder of Impact Corps, will share new opportunities for RPCVs to build social enterprise start-up skills.



11:45 am - 12:35 pm

Connally Ballroom

Social Impact: A Primer

- **Sally Waley**, Senior Specialist, U.S. Economic Development Administration
- **Hanna Jamal**, Director, Social Finance
- **Neeraj Aggarwal**, Program Director, Rebuild Texas, Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

Our conference focuses on Social Impact Innovation, but what do those words mean? This session will break down the social impact space by defining social responsibility in our economy, understanding how we harness market forces for social good, and the efforts to steer institutions and systems to fit these goals.

Nowotny

Peace Corps in an Era of “America First”

- **William Burriss**, Government Relations Officer, NPCA

Join NPCA’s Will Burriss for a session about Peace Corps advocacy efforts in an era of “America First.” Together we will discuss the current political climate and how it affects our community’s goals, as well as some ways in which we can work together to create positive political change.



11:45 am - 12:35 pm

Legends

Survive or Thrive: How Trees and Tech Will Save Us

- **John Leary**, Executive Director, Trees for the Future

Through two fun educational activities, you will learn to use agroforestry and the new Forest Garden app—*Trees for the Future's Innovation for Good*—to achieve triple bottom-line impact in communities around the world. The first interactive role play will entail breaking participants into small 'families' who must make the most money with what they have. We'll see who survives and who thrives! Then, we'll put theory into practice with a Forest Garden design mapping activity. Small groups will work together to design Forest Gardens that build economic, social, and environmental resilience of families and landscapes.

Schmidt

Business School: What's Next After Peace Corps?

- **Anna Shen**, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Thunderbird School of Global Management

Join the Thunderbird School of Global Management to discuss how a career combining international business with the Peace Corps might be a great next step for you. How can you leverage the incredible experience you've had over the past few years with a career in management? Are there scholarships for returning volunteers? (Yes!)

Join Thunderbird alum Anna Shen as she talks about how Thunderbird trains top-notch leaders for the 4th industrial revolution, and why she went to business school after a career in the United Nations and the World Bank.



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12:35 pm - 1:45 pm

Lunch & Exhibitor Showcase

12:45 pm - 1:40 pm

Documentary Room

Get Social: Tips for Effectively Using Social Media

- **Mary Owen-Thomas**, Communications Manager, Illinois Institute of Technology

From Facebook algorithm to using hashtags effectively, this session will review the basics of Facebook (groups vs. pages), Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Learn about free tools to make quick and easy videos and photos that will help boost your likes, shares, engagement, and reach.



1:45 pm - 2:35 pm

Connally Ballroom

Stepping Up - Politics: The Next Level of the Third Goal

- **James Gore**, 4th District Supervisor, Sonoma County
- **Kristina Owens**, Associate Vice President, Government & Community Relations, Rochester Institute of Technology

As a country we are at a crossroads. Advancement of technology has influenced politics possibly in a negative way. As RPCVs we strive to remember what we learned in the Peace Corps to be a beacon of light in our home communities. Political leadership and the positive use of technology are effective ways to make a difference in our community. Our Peace Corps ideals are what's needed in politics today. Attend a well-timed session on how to get involved politically and/or run for political office.

Schmidt

Using Business as a Tool for Social Impact

- **Adam Lawrence**, CEO and Founder, Enspire Development
- **Matt Rutter**, General Manager and Creative Director, Enspire Development

Making a positive impact through business has been a large part of both Adam's and Matt's stories as RPCVs in the Republic of Moldova and beyond. Learn more as they take you through their methodology, real world stories, practical frameworks, and examples that have empowered others to do more.



1:45 pm - 2:35 pm

Nowotny

Be an RPCV Changemaker: Connecting via the Web to Spark Community and Economic Development in Your Peace Corps Site

- **Helene Dudley**, Co-Founder, TCP Global

From the comfort of home, RPCVs can join with PCVs and host country grassroots organizations to bring micro-loans to marginalized entrepreneurs and support development projects in underserved communities. Learn how you can still be a catalyst for change in your Peace Corps country.

Legends

Connect Your Peace Corps Service with the Needs of Women and Girls Now

- **Lee Lacy**, Founding Member, Women of Peace Corps Legacy (WPCL)
- **Maryann Minutillo**, Founding Member, WPCL
- **Kathleen Corey**, President, WPCL

Learn how WPCL is supporting the United Nations Women's Organization in its efforts to mobilize and improve the lives of women and girls around the world. In 2019-2020, WPCL will create opportunities for RPCVs and affiliate groups to serve, focused on four national recognition days:

- Oct. 11: International Day of the Girl Child
- Nov. 25: International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Mar. 8, 2020: International Women's Day
- May 17, 2020: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia



1:50 pm - 2:50 pm

Documentary Room

Communicating the Peace Corps' Third Goal to America and the World

- **Bill Miller**, CEO - Moderator, Global Connections Television

Bill Miller will discuss a variety of venues that are available to RPCVs to achieve the Third Goal, such as being involved in Sister Cities programs, the United Nations Association of the USA, organizations such as Rotary International, the Partnering for Peace Initiative between Rotary and the Peace Corps, and Miller's program: Global Connections Television (GCTV).

GCTV is an independently-produced, privately financed talk show that focuses on international issues and how they impact people worldwide. GCTV reaches over 70 million viewers each week.

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2:35 pm - 3:00 pm

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Coffee & Networking

3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

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Affiliate Group Network Annual Meeting

This meeting convenes leadership and representatives from all of the RPCV Affiliate Groups. This is a great opportunity to network with other affiliate group leaders, share resources, and learn about new opportunities to help your group thrive.



3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Schmidt

Graduate Interdisciplinary Focus and Outcomes

- **Jerry Czub**, Senior Director Graduate Enrollment, Clark University

Join Clark's Jerry Czub to learn about the interdisciplinary focus of the department of International Development, Community, and Environment graduate programs and the outcomes of our Peace Corps alum. Jerry has been the Senior Director of Graduate Enrollment Management at Clark University for the last two years and has been a part of the higher education field for over 15 years, both locally and overseas.

Nowotny

Peace Corps: Unconscious Bias Training

- **Katie Hamann**, Program Specialist, Peace Corps
- **Teresa Claxton**, Marketing Specialist, Peace Corps

RPCVs collaborate and work in many professional and personal settings of service. Peace Corps' Second and Third Goals are dependent on awareness of one's unconscious bias to provide for the most impactful intercultural exchange. This session introduces RPCVs to the topic of unconscious bias and trains them on mitigating strategies that they may experience.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Legends

Leading from Your Values

- **Julie Smith**, Director of Learning and Engagement, Leadership Austin

“What is it that I value most and am I living my life in a way that brings those values to life?” This is a question that exceptional leaders ask themselves regularly, sometimes even daily. When was the last time you reflected on the “why” behind the choices you make and the way you show up every day? This session will offer you the opportunity to step back and assess how well you are living in alignment with your personal values. You’ll also learn how to better connect with others through shared values. Come ready to learn about yourself and leave better equipped to lead others.

Documentary Room

“A Tubewell for Kapura Village”

- **Dale Illig**, Law Office of Dale Illig P.C.

Dale Illig will screen his 16 millimeter black and white film, *A Tubewell for Kapura Village*, and share a slide show he made about his experience drilling water wells in the eastern provinces of Uttar Pradesh. In addition, Dale will discuss ways we can better curate our Peace Corps experience.

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Exhibitor Showcase

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Documentary Room

“Supa Modo”

- **Likarion Wainaina**, Director
- **Carolyn Kari**, Friends of Kenya

Jo, a witty, terminally ill 9-year-old girl, is taken back to her rural village to live out the rest of her short life. Her only comfort during these dull times are her dreams of being a Superhero, which proves to be something her rebellious teenage sister Mwix, overprotective mother Kathryn, and the entire village of Maweni think they can fulfill.

From first-time feature filmmaker Likarion Wainaina and co-producer Tom Tykwer comes this honest and inspiring story about the strength of young people in the face of adversity.

This session is hosted by Friends of Kenya.

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Break

7:00 pm


Regions of Service Dinners

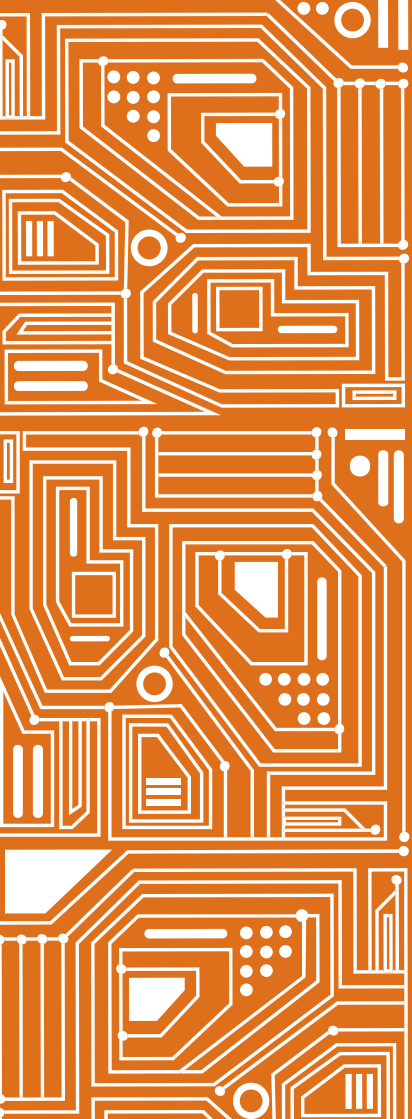
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Saturday Sessions

9:00 am - 10:30 am

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Annual General Membership Meeting

- **Maricarmen Smith-Martinez**, Board Chair, NPCA
- **Patrick Fine**, Treasurer, NPCA
- **Glenn Blumhorst**, President & CEO, NPCA

What achievements and impact did your Peace Corps community make over the last year? What's in the plans for NPCA going forward? NPCA board and staff leadership will share our community accomplishments and celebrate NPCA's 40th anniversary.

10:30 am - 10:45 am

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Coffee & Networking



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10:30 am - 11:15 am

Documentary Room

The Barefoot Agronomists of Río Limpio - Putting the Brakes on Climate Change: A Peace Corps Response That Works

- **Mark Feedman**

This session includes footage of the Regional Center for the Study of Rural Alternatives' (CREAR) "Barefoot Agronomist Program," a rare look at the anatomy of an intensive biodynamic hillside agroforestry system, and the release of a groundbreaking study of CREAR's terraced soils. Mark Feedman will discuss the need for a specialized corps of agroforestry practitioners and educators devoted to the education of rural youth and small farmers as "Barefoot Agronomists," leaders of environmental recovery and global food security on our climate changing planet.

10:45 am - 12:35 pm

Connally Ballroom

Innovation for Good Pitch Competition

Following the conference theme "Innovation for Good," this competition will hear rapid fire pitches from an inspirational group of finalists made up of both local and international changemakers, all RPCVs. These competitors are pitching concepts that were inspired by the needs they identified during their service and have committed to solving in new and innovative ways.

Two awards will be given: one by a panel of judges and one through a crowd-sourced audience choice award. Pick your favorite and vote with your pocketbook to support these fantastic ideas in action!



11:25 am - 12:25 pm

Documentary Room

A Towering Task: A Special Excerpt from the Documentary and A Conversation with Director Alana DeJoseph

A Towering Task takes viewers on a journey of what it means to be a global citizen and asks what role should the Peace Corps play in the 21st century. Host country nationals, Peace Corps Volunteers and staff, scholars, and journalists take a closer look at peace building, economic development, and political independence through the Peace Corps' nearly six decades of trials and transformations.

12:35 pm - 1:45 pm

Lunch and Learn Sessions

Nowotny

Reaching Newly Returned Volunteers

The Returned Volunteer Services Team of the Peace Corps Office of Third Goal will engage attendees in an interactive discussion sharing best practices to bring newly returned volunteers to affiliate group events. This will include an update on the development of competency based PCV activities that supports R/PCV understanding of the marketable skills they develop during their service.

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12:35 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch and Learn Sessions

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Museum of Peace Corps Experience: Connecting Our Legacy

- **Nicola Dino**, Co-Chair, Museum of the Peace Corps Experience

The Museum shares the Peace Corps legacy through web-based collections and eventually exhibition and programming space in the Nation's Capital. The Museum features the people, work, hope, and heart of Peace Corps and expands understanding of our shared humanity.

Why another museum? Despite the impressive impact of Peace Corps volunteers, the 60+ year-long history of this quiet revolution has been, for the most part, ignored by the

wider American public. Museums and memorials abound in Washington, D.C. yet the positive contributions of 220,000 Peace Corps volunteers are almost invisible.

The Third Goal of Peace Corps—to help Americans understand the cultures of other countries—not only implies, but strongly supports, the creation of a Peace Corps museum. It is the important Third Goal initiative of “bringing the world back home.”

12:35 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch and Learn Sessions

Connally Ballroom

Forget the Pitch - Tell Your Story

- **Juliana Essen**, CEO and Founder, Global Wellbeing Institute
- **Julie Early Sifuentes**, Founder, Peace Corps Kids

If you're actively seeking support for a project or social venture, you'll need a persuasive pitch. But pitches can be agonizing – so many details, so little time! So forget the pitch. Humans connect through stories, and thanks to your Peace Corps experience, you have a compelling story to tell.

This workshop draws on Ashoka methods to create an authentic, empathetic, and effective change-making story. The facilitators share their journey through this process. They then lead participants through similar exercises that emphasize reflection and a narrative arc.

A Unique Partnership That Pays It Forward

- **Sherry Nadworny**, Manager, Individual Giving & RPCV Free Books Program, Hesperian Health Guides

Legends

Re-Connect to Service – Consider Response

- **Rachel Bueide**, Recruitment and Placement Specialist, Peace Corps Response

Learn about how you can reconnect with your passion for service as a Response volunteer. Hear about current projects, upcoming opportunities, and receive guidance on the application process.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Documentary Room

Global Citizen Award Film

- Screening of **ABRAZOS** by Luis Argueta

ABRAZOS tells the transformational journey of a group of U.S. citizen children, sons and daughters of undocumented immigrants, who travel from Minnesota to Guatemala to meet their grandparents—and in some instances their siblings—for the first time. There are 4.5 million other U.S. citizen children who, like them, have at least one undocumented parent and are part of mixed-status families, ABRAZOS is the story of 14 of them.

The film reflects the hopes, dreams, and fears of these families who, after being separated for nearly two decades, are able to embrace each other, share stories, strengthen traditions, and begin to reconstruct their cultural identity.





1:45 pm - 2:35 pm

Connally Ballroom

PCV to CEO

- **Steve Wanta**, Co-Founder & CEO, JUST
- **Dennis Price**, Editorial Director, ImpactAlpha
- **Adam Smith**, Co-Founder & Director, Kakaxi, INC.
- **Olowo-n'djo Tchala**, Founder, Alaffia

Join this conversation to hear how the Peace Corps has played a pivotal role in launching businesses around the world. The panelists will share their experiences spanning microcredit, impact investing, robotic farming, and the creation of one of Togo's largest employers.

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Demystifying Careers in the International Development Sector

- **Meghan Costello** (Rwanda 2010-2012), Contract Staffing Specialist, Tetra Tech International Development Services

Join Tetra Tech's Meghan Costello for an insider's look at career paths in the complex field of international development. Meghan is a gender analysis and public international law specialist, and holds a Master's degree in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame.



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1:45 pm - 2:35 pm

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The Formative Years of NPCA

- **Margaret Riley**, Third President (1983-1986), NPCA; Retired Assistant Vice Provost, Duke University
- **Greg Flakus**, First President (1979-1980), NPCA; Retired, Voice of America
- **Katy Hansen**, Fourth President (1986-1989), NPCA; Iowa United Nations Association

While understanding that this conference is focusing on forward thinking, this session recognizes that to be forward thinking, it is important to understand the past. It will explore the formative years of NPCA (1977-1989) from the viewpoint of the earliest leaders of the organization while also looking forward to the future of NPCA and its relationship with Peace Corps.

Legends

RPCV Storytelling: Creative Ways to Reach an Audience

- **Katie Long**, Program Director, Friends of Patterson Park; Improvisor, Baltimore Improv Group
- **Sarah Porter**, President, New York Peace Corps Association

Katie Long and Sarah Porter will present best practices and creative ways to conduct RPCV storytelling and engage both RPCV and non-RPCV communities. The session will touch on storytelling slams, podcasts, and improv.

2:35 pm - 3:00 pm

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Coffee & Networking

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm

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Presentation of the Sargent Shriver
Award for Distinguished Humanitarian
Service to Liz Fanning

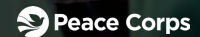
- Karen Keefer, Board Director Emeritus, NPCA



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Honoring the longstanding ties between School for International Training (SIT) and the Peace Corps, this competitive scholarship offers 25% toward tuition at SIT Graduate Institute. NPCA members with at least one year of significant international experience are eligible to apply.

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3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

Connally Ballroom

Beyond Borders

- **Glenn Blumhorst**, President & CEO, NPCA
- **Maria Martin**, Director, The Graciasvida Center For Media
- **John Burnett**, Southwest Correspondent, National Public Radio
- **Luis Argueta**, Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award Winner

This plenary panel discussion examines the historic exodus from Central America and the humanitarian crisis at the United States' southern border. Featuring award-winning journalists and media producers who bring firsthand perspectives from both sides of the border, the panelists will underscore the imperative for telling the real story to the American public, the need for policy solutions, and the opportunity for the Peace Corps community and concerned citizens to take action.

4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

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Presentation of the Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award to Luis Argueta

- **Ken Lehman**, Advisory Council Member, NPCA



5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Global Citizen Award Reception

Join your fellow conference attendees to celebrate our awardee Luis Argueta and all of the amazing global citizens that joined us throughout the week. Grab a refreshment in the main hall and then join us back in the Ballroom to connect with your fellow RPCVs through a fun and interactive, life-sized game that will help bring all the lessons of the week together.

Interactive Game Activity: Bringing It All Home

- **Jill Conway**, Regional Recruiter, Peace Corps

Connect with fellow RPCVs through a fun and interactive game that involves moving around on a game board! Roll the dice and you may land on the “Public Transportation Delay” box. We will also share best practices about creating positive impact when we return home.

Award Winners

Loret Miller Ruppe Award for Outstanding
Community Service



**New York City
Peace Corps
Association**



Deborah Harding Women of Achievement Award



Sue Richiedei

Founder, Counterpart
International's
WomenLead Institute

Sue Richiedei has dedicated her 35-year career to ensuring women are meaningfully engaged in greater numbers as leaders, decision-makers, and advocates at all levels.

As a 22-year-old Peace Corps Volunteer in 1976 in northeast Thailand, Sue understood the importance of improving the lives of girls in a male-dominated society.

In 2005, Sue designed and launched the Global Women in Management Program, which has reached over 1,000 women in 77 countries with month-long leadership workshops, woman-to-woman coaching, networking, and small grants.

Sargent Shriver Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service



Liz Fanning
Executive Director,
CorpsAfrica

Liz Fanning (Morocco 1993-1995) is recognized for her tireless efforts to create and expand CorpsAfrica, a nonprofit organization that gives young Africans the opportunity to serve like Peace Corps Volunteers in their own countries.

Since founding CorpsAfrica in 2011, her efforts have built a strong follower base of over 10,000 people.

CorpsAfrica currently hosts 70 Volunteers in Morocco, Senegal, Malawi, and Rwanda. By 2030, Liz aims to host Volunteers in all 54 African nations, with up to 250 Volunteers in each country.

The result? 13,500 volunteers in communities across Africa each year, a mix of Volunteers serving in their own country and in other African countries.



Harris Wofford Global Citizen Award

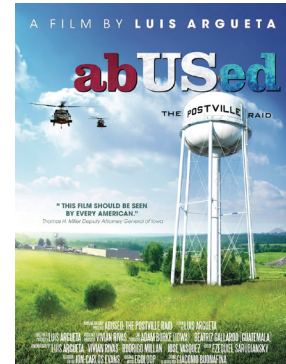


Luis Argueta
President,
Dos y Dos Producciones

Luis Argueta is a Guatemalan film director and producer. His feature film, *The Silence of Neto*, is Guatemala's first submission to the Oscars. Luis received the Order of Quetzal in the degree of Grand Officer, the highest honor given by Guatemala, and *The Guardian* listed him as one of Guatemala's National Living Icons.

His film series on immigration, *abUsed: The Postville Raid*, *ABRAZOS*, and *The U Turn*, brings into focus the true human face of immigrants, their resilience, and the vision of communities recognizing the contributions immigrants make to American society.

He is currently at work on a film about the long lasting effects of separation among immigrant families.





Exhibitors

Austin University Area Rotary Club

Clark University

Committee for a Museum of the Peace Corps Experience

CorpsAfrica

Friends of Colombia

Hesperian Health Guides

Hostelling International

Korean Consulate General in Houston

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NYU School of Professional Studies

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Peace Corps Community for Refugees

Peace Corps Kids

Peace Corps Office of the Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services

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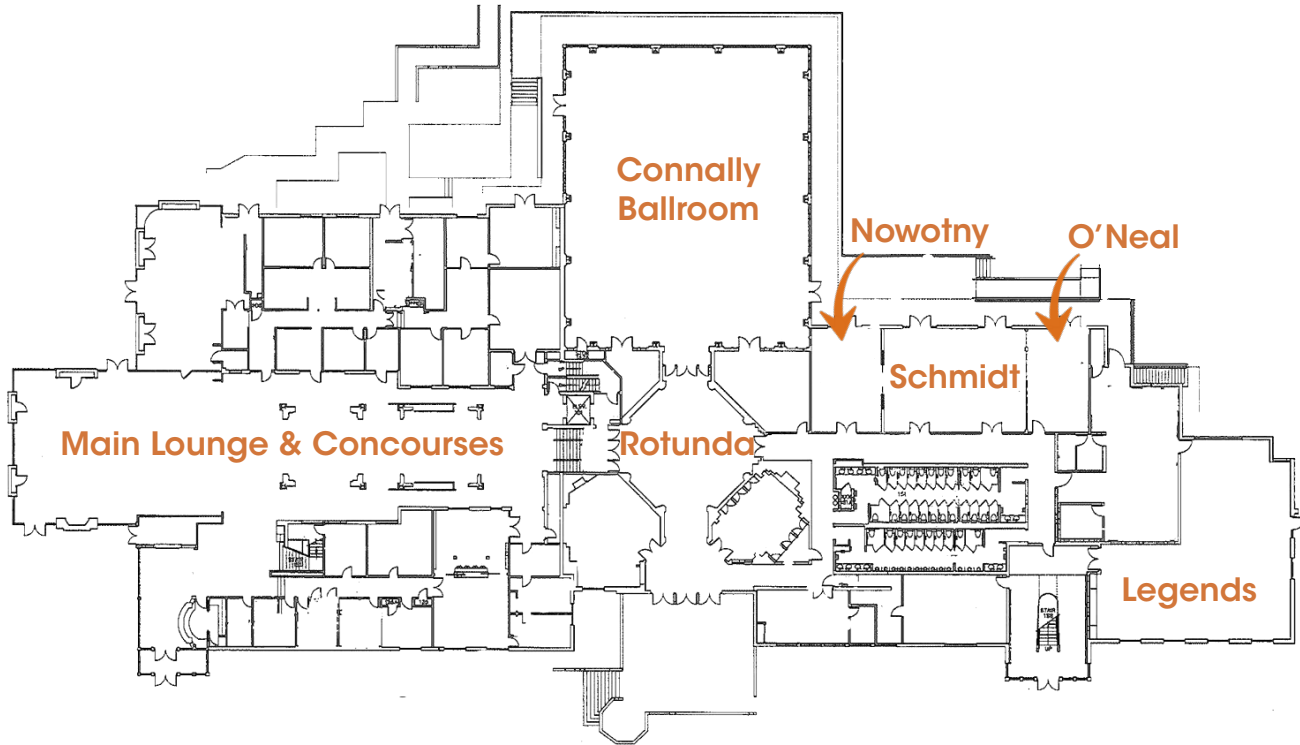
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