HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
40TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE
Realizing Full and Inclusive Democracy in Our Hemisphere
Panama City, Panama
April 5 – April 7, 2019
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HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
OVERVIEW

Founded in 1978 in honor of the late Senator and Vice President, the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides a year of professional enrichment and leadership development in the United States for mid-career professionals from designated countries throughout the world. The Humphrey Program fosters a mutual exchange of knowledge, builds professional capacity, promotes lasting ties, and enhances international cooperation in areas critical to U.S. engagement with developing and transitional countries.

Each year approximately 150 fellows, funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, are grouped by professional focus area and engage in graduate-level non-degree study and related professional experiences at leading U.S. universities. The program now has a network of nearly 6,000 alumni in 162 countries around the world working to improve their communities and the lives of those in need.

To mark the 40th Anniversary of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, the State Department aims to acknowledge the extraordinary professional achievements and impact of Humphrey alumni during the Fellowship’s first 40 years through a series of events around the world.

Celebrating the contributions of alumni from Latin America and the Caribbean, “Realizing Full and Inclusive Democracy in Our Hemisphere” will be hosted in Panama City, Panama from April 5-7, 2019. The three-day conference, broadly focused on good governance, social justice, and human rights and democracy, will acknowledge the legacy of more than 1,000 alumni across the Western Hemisphere and the communities enriched by them. The conference will also serve as a conduit to the future, documenting stories and successes and charting a path forward.
April, 2019

Dear Humphrey Alumni,

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Humphrey alumni conference Realizing Full and Inclusive Democracy in Our Hemisphere.

This event coincides with the 40th anniversary of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program. We join you in celebrating accomplishments and reflecting on program goals to foster a network of global leaders who will work together to create a better future for our local, regional, and international communities. I want to recognize your extraordinary achievements and contributions to public service across Latin America and the Caribbean through strengthening democratic institutions and rule of law, advocating for human rights, as well as healthy and educated populations, supporting economic and social inclusion, and championing sustainable development programs and policies.

A recent program evaluation acknowledged the Humphrey Program’s success in strengthening ties between Humphrey Fellows and the people of the United States. The individual connections each of you made and continue to maintain furthers our collective understanding of one another’s peoples and cultures and builds bridges between our nations.

We hope that you will take every opportunity to share your own experiences and expertise so that we may learn from one another and further the Humphrey Program’s impact in the region and around the world. Please join us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter using #Humphrey40.

Sincerely,

Anthony Koliha
Director Office of Global Educational Programs
April, 2019

Dear Humphrey Alumni & Friends,

On behalf of the Institute of International Education (IIE), I am pleased to offer warm greetings and best wishes to all attending this workshop, Realizing Full and Inclusive Democracy in Our Hemisphere. This event is just one of many being held worldwide to mark the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program’s 40th Anniversary.

IIE would like to recognize your significant accomplishments, and applaud you as stewards of your countries’ development and contributors to regional growth. We appreciate your commitment to the Humphrey Program and are so pleased you could participate in this important gathering.

While we are together in Panama, I encourage you to network with other Humphrey alumni and professionals from various fields, to share impactful experiences, and explore opportunities for future collaboration. You can work together to envision further positive change and development, and this workshop will be only the launching point.

Best wishes for a successful workshop,

Maxmillian Angerholzer III
Executive Vice President
IIE
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HUMPHREY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

5,867 Total Humphrey Alumni Worldwide
1,011 Total Humphrey Alumni in Latin America and the Caribbean
2nd largest regional concentration of Humphrey alumni (17% of HHH alumni are from the Western Hemisphere)

Romina Ávila Iturralde | Panama
President, Fundación Educación para La Vida Panama; reducing poverty in rural communities through promoting the use of bamboo for sustainable development.
HHH Year 2010-2011

Paula Moreno | Colombia
President and Founder, Manos Visibles; former Minister of Culture in Colombia (2007-2010) - the first Afro-Colombian woman and the youngest person to lead a cabinet-level ministry in the history of the country.
HHH Year 2010-2011

Carolina Rudnick | Chile
Founder and president of Libera Foundation Against Trafficking in Persons and Slavery in all its Forms; former Executive Coordinator of the Intergovernmental Committee Against Trafficking in Persons of the Ministry of Interior of Chile.
HHH Year 2015-2016
40th Anniversary Conference

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Top fields of study for Humphreys from WHA

- Public Policy Analysis & Public Administration | 163
- Public Health Policy & Management | 124
- Economic Development/Finance & Banking | 120
- Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, & Sustainable Development | 109
- Substance Abuse Education, Treatment, and Prevention | 88
- Urban and Regional Planning | 78
- Agricultural & Rural Development | 75
- Law and Human Rights | 73
- Communications & Journalism | 53
- Educational Administration, Planning and Policy | 42
- Technology Policy and Management | 24

Bahamas 14
Cuba 5
Haiti 40
Jamaica 60
Dominican Republic 19
Antigua and Barbuda 4
Anguilla 1
Saint Kitts and Nevis 1
Dominica 2
Saint Lucia 6
Barbados 14
Trinidad and Tobago 32

Deborah Thomas Felix | Trinidad and Tobago
President of the Industrial Court of Trinidad and Tobago. She is the first female to be appointed in this position.
HHH Year 2007-2008

Ellen Northfleet | Brazil
Former president of the Supreme Court of Brazil. She has been described as a major reformer of the Brazilian Judicial System and was the first woman to be appointed to Brazil’s Supreme Court and the Court’s first female president.
HHH Year 2007-2008

David Granger | Guyana
Elected President of Guyana in 2015; Previously served as Commander of the Guyana Defense Force and also as National Security Adviser.
HHH Year 1995-1996

Martín Aguirre | Uruguay
Lawyer, college professor, and journalist who is Editorial Director at El País, Uruguay’s national newspaper.
HHH Year 2017-2018

Paulo Rogerio Nunes | Brazil
Co-founder and executive director of the Instituto Midia Etnica and the news portal Correio Nagô that focuses on issues of diversity and human rights, particularly for Afro-Brazilians.
HHH Year 2011-2012

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HUMPHREY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

U.S. Host Universities | A reflection of the states and universities that have hosted Latin America and Caribbean alumni

CALIFORNIA
University of California, Davis | 52
University of Southern California | 5
University of California, Berkeley | 4
MINNESOTA
University of Minnesota | 106

NEW YORK
Cornell University | 68
Hunter College, CUNY | 20
Syracuse University | 19

MASSACHUSETTS
Boston University | 78
Tufts University, Fletcher School | 32
Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 60
Brandeis University | 2
Harvard University | 2
Williams College | 1

PENNSYLVANIA
Pennsylvania State University | 48
University of Pittsburgh | 9

MARYLAND
Johns Hopkins University | 88
University of Maryland, College Park | 49

WASHINGTON D.C.
American University | 74
George Washington University | 1
Howard University | 1

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CONFERENCE AGENDA
all session locations to be announced

Friday, April 5th

3:00pm – 5:30pm
Registration and Networking Session
3rd Floor

7:00pm – 9:00pm
Welcome Reception
U.S. Ambassador’s Residence, La Cresta
Roxanne Cabral, Chargé d’Affaires, a.i.
U.S. Embassy, Panama
Jennifer Zimdahl Galt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Saturday, April 6th

Early morning
Breakfast
Bay View Restaurant

8:30am – 8:45am
Welcome Remarks
Jennifer Gibson, Branch Chief
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

8:45am – 10:00am
The Humphrey Legacy in the Americas
Jennifer Zimdahl Galt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Realizing Full and Inclusive Democracy in Our Hemisphere
Jon E. Piechowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State

10:00am – 11:00am
Plenary
In this session, Humphrey alumni will share diverse perspectives for strengthening democratic institutions and rule of law. A public prosecutor and an NGO president will discuss combating human trafficking in Brazil and Chile, a state’s attorney will share strategies to fight corruption in Ecuador, and a professor and an entrepreneur will discuss the Panamanian Electoral Delegates Corps. A question and answer session with the audience will follow.
FACILITATOR: Jennifer Gibson, Branch Chief
Vanessa Fusco Noguiera Simoes, Brazil
Carolina Rudnick, Chile
Elena Marchan, Ecuador
Roberto Pineda, Panama

11:00am – 11:15am
Break
6th Floor
11:15am – 12:15pm

Concurrent Conference Sessions

6th Floor

Grassroots Democracy Building and Advancing Human Rights

This panel will feature representatives with diverse responsibilities for advancing grassroot policies for democracy building and human rights. Humphrey Fellows will highlight their approaches for protecting and advocating on behalf of vulnerable populations.

MODERATOR: Mercia Silva, Brazil
Clint Arthur, Trinidad & Tobago
Juan Carlos Arjona Estevez, Mexico
Gabriela Rodrigues dos Santos, Brazil

Providing an Inclusive, Quality Education for All Children

This session will focus on the critical issues of teacher training and preparation, and supporting students from early childhood through adolescence.

MODERATOR: Elvia Amesty, Venezuela
Ambar Arjona de Garcia, Panama
Sandra Gomez, Honduras
Eva Ramos, Panama

Strategic Public Health Programs to Protect Vulnerable Populations

In this session, panelists will provide an overview of priorities and trends surrounding substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention, and discuss best practices and solutions to reduce the rate of health risks among vulnerable populations.

MODERATOR: Igor Ivan Salvatierra
Frontanilla, Bolivia
Cleidemir Moraes dos Santos, Brazil
Esther Gonzalez Willim, Paraguay
Arold Simpreux, Haiti

12:15pm – 1:30pm

Lunch

3rd Floor

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Concurrent Conference Sessions
continued

6th Floor

Expanding Prosperity through Economic Development and Business

Panelists will discuss trends in business, economic development, and corporate governance, including best practices, lessons learned, and emerging solutions to promote social justice and prosperity.

MODERATOR: Morvin Williams, Antigua & Barbuda
Esteban Coello Munoz, Ecuador
Gissela Morales Medina, Bolivia

Innovating Environmental Solutions for Urban and Rural Neighborhoods

This session will provide an overview of trends in agricultural development and family farming models, as well as innovative methods for environmentally friendly water and waste management in diverse and rural communities.

MODERATOR: Oscar Diaz, Colombia
Kurt Manrique-Klinge, Peru
Javier Adrian Sanchez Guillen, Panama
Sian Cuffy-Young, Trinidad & Tobago

Diverse Perspectives in Good Governance

Representatives working in government, research, advocacy, environmental protection, and security will present their perspectives for policy formulation and sustainable development.

MODERATOR: Bethzaida Carranza, Panama
Cesar Cruz Rojas, Mexico
Andres Perez, Colombia
Rodrigo Aybar Perlender, Argentina

2:30pm - 3:00pm

Break

3rd Floor
3:00pm – 4:00pm
**Session Highlights and Future Directions**
Through roundtable discussions, small groups of attendees will highlight takeaways from the day’s sessions. Points of discussion will include lessons learned that will inspire calls for action in future work. A roundtable spokesperson will then share a summary with the full group.

MODERATOR: Luis Jose Diez Canseco Núñez, Peru

ROUNDTABLE FACILITATORS:
Beatriz González Friers, Panama
Gabriela Alpírez Davie, Guatemala
Luisa Peirano Basso, Uruguay
Juan Carlos Novoa, El Salvador
Juan Rivera, Panama
Max Schmidt, Panama
Sandra Gutierrez Poizat, El Salvador
Kajal Mahepal, Suriname
Basilios Peftoulougliou Gattas, Chile

4:00pm – 7:00pm
**Cultural Excursions Led by Local Alumni**

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**Sunday, April 7th**

**Early morning**
**Breakfast**
Bay View Restaurant

9:00am – 9:15am
**Remarks from the Institute of International Education**
Max Angerholzer, Executive Vice President

9:15am – 10:15am
**Workshop: The Role of the Press in Democracy Building; Strategies for Engaging with the Press**
This session will address the role of the press in a democracy, working with journalists, and communication strategies.

Carlos Antonio Jimenez Rueda, Costa Rica
Juan Molina, Ecuador
Francisco Morey, Chile
Orlando Acosta Patino, Panama
FACILITATOR: Karen Beardsley, UC Davis Coordinator

10:15am – 10:45am
**Break**

Hotel check-out
**10:45am – 11:45am**

**Concurrent Conference Sessions**

6th Floor

**Environmental Challenges and Approaches to Sustainable Development**

This session will begin with an overview of trends in sustainable development and environmental leadership in the region, with a special look at innovative approaches to stewardship of natural resources.

MODERATOR: Maria Gonzalez, Ecuador
Emilio Mariscal, Panama
Itzel Morales Lagunes, Mexico
Rahanna Juman, Trinidad & Tobago
Romina Ávila Iturralde, Panama

**Advancing Healthy Communities through Education and Capacity-Building**

Presenters will provide an overview of challenges facing the healthcare sector related to equal access to care and treatment, and emerging solutions in leadership development and capacity building to support healthcare professionals.

MODERATOR: Ignacio Devesa, Mexico
Guillermo Gonzalez Prieto, Argentina
Rayza Rivera, Panama
Juan Guzman, Mexico

**12:00pm – 12:30pm**

**Wrap Up & Conference Highlights**

Closing remarks from three regional representatives

FACILITATOR: Jennifer Gibson, Branch Chief
Allan Franklin, Barbados
Lucilene Danciguer, Brazil
Roberto Moreno, Panama

**12:45pm – 1:45pm**

Lunch

3rd Floor

**2:00pm – 5:45pm**

Cultural Excursion to the Panama Canal Visitor Center
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ALUMNI ATTENDEES

Orlando Acosta Patino | Panama
Environment Specialist, Panama Canal Authority

Gabriela Alpírez | Guatemala
Director for Volunteer Training and Development, Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Elvia Amesty | Venezuela
Director, Asociacion Senderos

Natalia Ariza | Colombia
Consultant, Corona Foundation

Ambar Arjona de García | Panama
University Professor, Universidad Especializada de las Américas

Juan Carlos Arjona Estevez | Mexico
Cuarto Visitador General, Mexico City Human Rights Public Commission

Clint Arthur | Trinidad and Tobago
Assistant Superintendent, Trinidad and Tobago Police

Romina Ávila Iturralde | Panama
Chairwoman/Executive Director, Fundación Educación para La Vida (FEDVIDA)

Rodrigo Aybar Perlender | Argentina
Secretary of Sustainable Development, Province of Buenos Aires Government

Barbara Barrios | Panama

Bethzaida Carranza | Panama
Executive Director, Secretariat for Environmental Enforcement Matters of the United States–Panama Trade Promotion Agreement

Esteban Coello Munoz | Ecuador
President, Ecuadorian American Chamber of Commerce

Cesar Cruz Rojas | Mexico
Researcher, Water Research and Technology Center

Sian Cuffy-Young | Trinidad and Tobago
Managing Director/Social Entrepreneur, Siel Environmental Services Limited

Lucilene Danciguier | Brazil

Ignacio Devesa Gutierrez | Mexico
Medical Director, Instituto Mexicano Del Seguro Social

Oscar Díaz Forero | Colombia
Project Manager, Colombian Agency for Rural Development

Luis Díez Canseco Núñez | Peru
Dean of the Law School, Universidad Tecnológica del Perú

Allan Franklin | Barbados
Senior Research Officer, Ministry of Tourism and International Transport, Government of Barbados

Vanessa Fusco Nogueira Simoes | Brazil
Public Prosecutor, Public Ministry State of Minas Gerais

Sandra Gomez | Honduras
Chief of Medical Practices, Universidad Tecnologica Centroamericana UNITEC

Maria Gonzalez | Ecuador
Programme Officer, United Nations Development Programme, UNDP-Ecuador

Beatriz González Frías | Panama
Advisor, Panama Maritime Authority

Guillermo Gonzalez Prieto | Argentina
Executive Director, Instituto de Investigaciones Sanitarias de la Seguridad Social

Esther Noemi Geraldine Gonzalez Willim | Paraguay
Project Coordinator, Fundación “Proyectos de Vida”

Sandra Gutierrez Poizat | El Salvador
Academic, Universidad Centroamericana José Siméon Cañas, UCA

Tania Guzman | Colombia
Advisor, Special Justice Tribunal for Peace

Juan Manuel Guzman | Mexico
Member of the Board of the Mexican Academy of Surgery, Retirement of the Mexican Institute of Social Security, The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic

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Board Member/Advisor, AmeliaRueda.com
Rahanna Juman | Trinidad and Tobago  
Deputy Director, Institute of Marine Affairs

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Kajal Mahepal | Suriname  
Kurt Manrique Klinge | Peru  
Elena Marchan | Ecuador  
Emilio Mariscal Flores | Panama  
Juan Molina | Ecuador  
Andres Montero | Chile  
Claudemir Lucio Moraes dos Santos | Brazil  
Itzel Morales Lagunes | Mexico  
Gissela Morales Medina | Bolivia  
Roberto Moreno | Panama  
Rosalba Moreno | Panama  
Francisco Morey | Chile  
Juan Novoa | El Salvador  
Juan Ortega | Colombia  
Basílis Peftouloglou Gattas | Chile  
Luisa Peirano Basso | Uruguay

Andres Perez | Colombia  
Cesar Perez | Guatemala  
Roberto Pineda | Panama  
Luis Pinzon | Panama  
Diana Quintero | Colombia  
Eva Ramos | Panama  
Juan Rivera | Panama  
Rayza Rivera Bermudez | Panama  
Gabriela Renata Rodrigues dos Santos | Brazil  
Carolina Rudnick | Chile  
Raisa Ruiz | Panama  
Igor Ivan Salvatierra Frontanilla | Bolivia  
Roberto Moreno | Panama  
Max Schmidt | Panama  
Prudence Serju | Jamaica  
Mércia Silva | Brazil  
Arold Simpreux | Haiti  
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