Tuesday World Forum

George Wilson Hall, Room 100

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 • 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

OF DIPLOMATS AND DURIANS: DARE TO NETWORK THE WORLD
PAUL OLIVA

Pacific International Studies alumnus Paul Oliva will help you understand what diplomacy means as a career and the many options available to you to explore a career in diplomacy. He’ll talk about his career path that took him from graduating at Pacific in 1987 to serving as a United States Foreign Service Officer today.

Mr. Oliva’s experience spans working on international policy in California state government, running an international nonprofit, managing global public relations for Visa, and running his own business. He’ll answer questions about the pros and cons of different career tracks and how to focus your education for a very competitive job market.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 • 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

BUDDHIST INSPIRED ORGANIC FARMING, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN TAIWAN
RICHARD TENAZA

Speaker, Dr. Richard Tenaza’s 40-minute photographic presentation will introduce a Buddhist-inspired organic farming program in Taiwan. For nearly 20 years the Tse-Xin Organic Agriculture Foundation has been assisting farmers to switch from conventional to organic agriculture. Besides protecting environments and human health from harmful effects of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, their contracts with Tse-Xin also require growers to actively restore and conserve native habitat and wildlife on and around their farms. Monetary incentives for farmers to go organic include (a) eliminating agricultural chemical costs, (b) higher prices paid for organic produce, and (c) Tse-Xin’s agreement to purchase all of a farmer’s produce during the first few years she or he participate, regardless of insect damage or other defects. Tse-Xin also has encouraged establishment of businesses to develop and market organic commodities such as clothing and cosmetics, as well as to collect, transport, and market organic produce.

Pacific Professor Emeritus Dr. Richard Tenaza is on the boards of directors of the South East Asia Zoos Association, Micke Grove Zoological Society, the Biological Field Studies Association, and the National Museum of Filipino American History. Dr. Tenaza earned his PhD in Zoology & Environmental Studies at UC Davis, and he is a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences and The Explorers Club of New York. He has worked as a consultant on wildlife biology and conservation for Fort Wayne and San Diego Zoos, the governments of Malaysia and Indonesia, and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. While most of his research and conservation efforts have focused on SE Asian primates, Dr. Tenaza has also worked in East Africa, China, the Arctic, Antarctica, and elsewhere. To honor Dr. Tenaza’s research on Adelie penguins the US Geological Survey named Tenaza Peak in Antarctica after him. So what’s all that got to do with Buddhist organic farming in Taiwan? Come and find out!

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 • 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

A SURVEY OF CONTEMPORARY TAJIKISTAN
MANZIHA SHARIFOVA

Dr. Sharifoiva joins Pacific’s Economics Department in fall 2015 as its newest member. Previous to coming to Pacific, she worked as a policy and business development advisor for the Business Enabling Environment project of International Finance Corporation (IFC) in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. She also worked for Imon International, a Tajik-based microfinance lender, and Mercy Corps, a US-based global development organization. She earned her first Economics degree at Khujand State University in her home country, and subsequently earned her M.Sc. in Development Economics at the University of Manchester in the UK, and her Ph.D. in Economics at UC-Santa Cruz.

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