International Affairs Program
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IAFS Alumni Newsletter - March 2023

From CU to Mexico: International Affairs in the Real World

IAFS Alumni Spotlight - Stephanie Ahlgrain

We had a great time catching up with Stephanie Ahlgrain (IAFS & ANTH ’13). Click here to read about her experiences after graduating from CU and how she landed in Mexico City.

Stephanie’s journey of starting in healthcare, switching to education, transitioning to fundraising, and currently working in philanthropy is an important reminder that career paths are often not linear and can take you many places.

"Sometimes I look back at my career since graduation and think there is no way I could have planned for how my career has panned out. For me, one of the best lessons is to take your career one step at a time, because one thing leads to another and in a few years, you may be doing something you never planned on.

My advice is to embrace uncertainty and never underestimate your ability to love a career path that you can't even imagine right now." *Stephanie Ahlgrain (IAFS & ANTH, '13)*

Finish reading Stephanie's Story

Connect with Stephanie on LinkedIn

In Case You Missed It...

CU Boulder named a top producer of Fulbright students

In the past three years, **20%** of the CU Boulder Fulbright Scholars were IAFS graduates.

That's the highest percentage of any CU Boulder academic degree program!

Read more...

Benjamin Lourie in Colorado Arts & Sciences Magazine

Read the Colorado Arts & Sciences Magazine article about Benjamin Lourie (IAFS & RUSS '16).

Read our interview with Benjamin in the January IAFS Alumni Newsletter.

Read more...

Global Grants Fundraising Update

Thanks to all who contributed to the Have a Heart Campaign**!** Through this year's campaign, we raised almost **$97,000** for the Global Grants fund**!**

Help us meet the Chancellor's Match!

We are **only a few donors away** from meeting our Global Grants fundraising goal of **$200,000** made up of $10,000+ gifts! If we receive **$41,000** pledges or donations of $10,000+ by **June 30th, 2023**, the CU Boulder Chancellor's Office will **match** our $200,000! Meeting the goal would generate a total of **$400,000** to support IAFS students as they study abroad!

Please email Associate Director of Development **Sarah Meyers** (IAFS '17) if you are interested in starting a pledge. *Pledges can be paid off over the course of up to 5 years.*

Donate to IAFS General Fund

Donate to IAFS Global Grants

Conference on World Affairs

The 2023 Conference of World Affairs is scheduled **April 12-14, 2023**, and includes a celebration of CWA's 75th anniversary. CWA will have both in-person and virtual panels, speakers, and performances that are free and open to the public. Faculty members from the International Affairs Program and the Peace, Conflict and Security Program (PACS) are participating in the panels below.

How Climate Change Impacts National Security
Thursday, April 13, 11:00am-12:10pm, UMC East Ballroom
Dr. Michael English (PACS Director)

Human Displacement: Managing the Effects from Climate Crises
Friday, April 14, 1:30pm-2:40pm, UMC East Ballroom
Dr. Douglas Snyder (IAFS Honors Program)

CWA Schedule

Register for CWA

Have news to share?

Do you have stories to share or know of internships, jobs or events that may interest IAFS alumni or students? Email iafs@colorado.edu and let us know!

Check out our Alumni Spotlight and Internship and Job Opportunities pages for updates.

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