

Iowa International Center Newsflash - Edition 5 - 2015



Passport to Prosperity Honorees To Be Announced June 12

Nominations for the Iowa International Center's **2015 Passport to Prosperity** Awards are closed, but be sure to look for our announcement on June 12 to see the amazing individuals to be honored at this year's event. Passport to Prosperity is our community's most inspiring celebration of the global Iowa. Please plan to join us on **Saturday, September 26** at the Olmsted Center at Drake University, to help celebrate the accomplishments of immigrants and refugees now living in Iowa who have made the social, cultural and economic fabric of our state more successful and vibrant through their lives and work.



2015 Passport to Prosperity Honorary Event Committee Members

Jeff Aden - IIC Board of Directors, McKesson Corp.

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Claudia Schabel - 2014 Passport to Prosperity Honoree, DuPont Pioneer

Eleanor Zeff - IIC Board of Directors, Drake University

Li Zhao Mandelbaum - 2014 Passport to Prosperity Honoree, China Iowa Group

Thanks to these 2015 Passport to Prosperity Sponsors who have already committed their support:



Would you like to be recognized as a champion of diversity in Iowa? Become involved in Passport to Prosperity through sponsorship! Sponsorship brings you front-and-center and connects you to more than 275 of our community's most culturally-minded leaders, while **proceeds support the Iowa International Center's Ray Resource Initiative Campaign to provide free multilingual services and educational opportunities for new Iowans.**

IIC Welcomes Cheryl Dahlquist to Board of Directors



The Iowa International Center is proud to welcome Cheryl Dahlquist as the newest member of our Board of Directors. Cheryl currently serves as Executive Director, Database Marketing Services for Meredith Corporation in Des Moines. Dahlquist is responsible for growing the revenues of the Database Marketing Services group, the business unit responsible for leveraging for clients the data insights generated from Meredith's 100-million name consumer database and its digital data from 70 million unique monthly site visitors. Dahlquist is a life-long Des Moines resident. Cheryl and her husband, David Dahlquist, are also enthusiastic home hospitality volunteers for IIC's International Visitor Programs.

International Visitors Get Hands-On Volunteer Experience In Des Moines

One of the critical opportunities the Iowa International Center provides for IVLP visitors is the chance to learn first-hand about volunteerism and community involvement in Iowa. Recent visitors studying issues of women and justice in the U.S. spent time during their Des Moines program volunteering at Bidwell Riverside, serving clients and sorting food. Through great partnerships with organizations like Bidwell Riverside, Goodwill of Des Moines and Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity, emerging leaders from around the world can give back to Iowans, while gaining practical knowledge for implementation in their home countries - a win-win situation! If you have a community-based volunteer opportunity you'd like to share with us, for potential involvement with our international visitor program participants, please email Janet Norton at inoton@iowainternationalcenter.org with details.



11th Annual IITA Conference Begins June 19

11th Annual Iowa Interpreters and Translators Association (IITA) Conference
"Raising the Bar Through Education"
DMACC Urban Campus, Des Moines, Iowa - June 19 - 20, 2015

This year's IITA conference is a great learning opportunity for those in the interpretation and translation world. Workshops include Advanced Simultaneous Skills Building (Spanish), Court Interpreter Ethics and Self-Advocacy on and off the Record, From Bilingual to Professional: Medical Interpreting for Beginners and Early Practitioners and more. Enrollment is limited



Welcoming the world to Iowa.

Learn, connect and share at our free Dialogue series events!



After the Umbrella Revolution: Which Direction for Hong Kong's Pro- democracy Movement?

featuring David Skidmore

Tuesday, July 7 - Noon to 1 p.m.

Central Library, 1000 Grand Avenue - Downtown Des Moines

David Skidmore, Professor of Political Science at Drake University will speak as part of the Iowa International Center's Dialogue series in July. Skidmore directs the Principal Financial Group Center for Global Citizenship and the Nelson Institute for Diplomacy and International Affairs, both at Drake. He has visited China many times - most recently with a group of Drake students in May/June, 2015 - and served as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Hong Kong in 2010-2011. Hong Kong's Umbrella Revolution was about much more than the rules governing the selection of the city's next chief executive. Students and their supporters have emptied the streets, but the issues that gave rise to the Umbrella Revolution continue to roil the city. The event is free to attend and open to the general public. No RSVP is required. Guests are welcome to bring lunch and eat during the program

The Iowa International Center Dialogue Series engages public and business professionals in conversation on global issues and Iowa's connections abroad.

Videos of Iowa International Center Dialogue Series Presentations are available online. Visit www.iowainternationalcenter.org to catch up on these cultural conversations.

All Iowa International Center Dialogue Series events are free and open to the public. Guests are welcome to bring lunch to the event.

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Iowa International Center Interpreter Spotlight



The Iowa International Center has a network of more than 150 trained interpreters in central Iowa. When the opportunity arises, we love to share a personal stories of some of these amazing multilingual individuals. **Subbu Varanasi** (pictured left) is originally from India, and has been translating and interpreting for the past twelve years. Prior to coming to the U.S., he ran a translation and interpretation company in India. Subbu is an excellent resource for our organization, because he speaks SIX different languages and dialects requested by our clients and brings a wealth of personal and professional experience to our community. Subbu says that thinking in one language and expressing the thoughts in another language proved very fascinating to him at a young age. We recently learned Subbu has served as an interpreter for the U.S. State Department, working with our partner organizations - including Meridian International - to interpret for International Visitor Leadership Program groups visiting the U.S. For more information on how IIC can help you with your interpretation and translation needs, please contact Rhonda Greenway at rgreenway@iowainternationalcenter.org.

Key Dates To Remember

June 12 - 2015 Passport to Prosperity Honorees Announced

June 17 - 23 - IVLP program focused on Small to Medium Business Competitiveness with visitors from Brazil

June 19 - 20 - IITA Conference

June 20 - World Refugee Day Celebration at LSI (IIC will be on site as a sponsor of the event)

June 30 - July 5 - IVLP program focused on Youth Agricultural Outreach & Extension with visitors from Russia

July 7 - IIC Dialogue Series on Hong Kong's Umbrella Revolution, with David Skidmore of Drake University, Noon at Central Library

July 12 - 15 - IVLP program focused on U.S. and European Security Issues with visitors from across Europe

July 23 - 28 - IVLP program focused on Women as Leaders in Social Change

July 26 - 29 - IVLP program focused on Human and Civil Rights for Minority Communities



Save the Date! PASSPORT TO PROSPERITY

Saturday, September 26, 2015 - Nominations Close May 26!



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