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## UCEAP UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM | ALUMNI & FRIENDS

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### UCEAP Alumnae Honored

(Monique Kovacs Nathan and Christine Liboon)

**Monique Kovacs Nathan** and **Christine Liboon** were honored at the 2018 UCEAP Alumni Awards Dinner on June 21.

Monique received the [2018 Linda Dutton Distinguished Alumni Award](#) for her outstanding work in Nepal. Monique spent two years with UCEAP in Italy at the University of Padua and the University of Bologna. She is an International Volunteer Coordinator who established lasting connections between maternal and child welfare nonprofits in Nepal and the US, including Pushpa Basnet's Early Childhood Development Center, One Heart World-Wide, Next Generation Nepal, and BlinkNow/Kopila Valley Children's Home and School. She also coordinated relief efforts after the 2015 Gorkha earthquake.

Christine received the 2018 [UCEAP Emerging Leader Award](#) for her commitment to resettling refugees in San Diego. She works for the International Rescue Committee and coordinates language and vocational training for nearly 500 refugees each year. She will be entering UCLA this fall as a graduate student in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. Christine spent a semester abroad with UCEAP in Chile.

Click [here](#) to read about past award recipients or to nominate a fellow UCEAP alumnus/a for the 2019 awards!



## UCEAP Celebrates 50 Years of Exchange with Mexico and Israel

(UCEAP Mexico alumnae Monica Lopez, Cristy Rossi, Jennifer Ruiz, Yaneth Andrade, Maria Pelaez, and Isamar Perez)

One hundred alumni came together at UCSD on June 30 to celebrate 50 years of study abroad in Mexico! The program included remarks by Aída Espinosa Vázquez, the Academic Dean of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México en Los Ángeles, as well as Karen Mead, Program Director at UCEAP, Vivian-Lee Nyitray, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director of UCEAP, and Monica Lopez, UCEAP alumna who studied at UNAM in 2015 and received the UCEAP Mexico Scholarship in support of the UC-Mexico Presidential Initiative. The reception was held in the Great Hall of the International House, with views of the Pacific Ocean. We look forward to continuing the celebration in [Mexico City](#) in September!

On June 2, UCEAP alumni and friends gathered at UCLA to celebrate our 50th anniversary of exchange with Hebrew University! It was an evening of great emotion and friendship. Thank you to our wonderful alumni speakers Mindy Mann and Marc Rosenbach, and to Hebrew University Vice-Provost Jonathan Kaplan for helping us honor our special relationship with Hebrew University. All alumni are invited to join UCEAP and Hebrew University in Jerusalem on [October 24-25](#) to celebrate this milestone.

Photos from both events are available on the UCEAP [Flickr](#) site. For more information on any of these events, contact [alumni@eap.ucop.edu](mailto:alumni@eap.ucop.edu).



## 1990-91 Reciprocal Alumni Reconnect in Germany

(Daniel Kärrholt, Kresten Schultz Jørgensen, Steven Lawther, and Carsten Wilken)

Every overseas student who comes to study at UC Riverside will gain experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. Many will also create lifelong friendships as was demonstrated recently in Leer, Germany, when four students who studied at UCR in 1989 reunited. Daniel Kärrholt from the University of Lund in Sweden, Steven Lawther from the University of Stirling in Scotland, Kresten Schultz Jørgensen from the University of Copenhagen in Denmark and host Carsten Wilken from Gottingen University in Germany got together to talk about their experiences in Riverside - especially in the Barn and in the legendary Bull 'N Mouth - and the paths their lives had taken since. It was the first time all four had been back together since 1990 but the friendships they forged at UC Riverside remained as strong as ever.

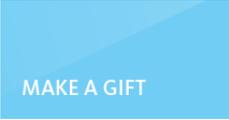
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### More From UCEAP

#### In Memoriam

The UCEAP family offers sincere condolences to family, friends and colleagues of Professor Steven Botterill, who passed away on Saturday, May 5th, with his husband, Craig Davidson, at his side. The news brings great sadness to those of us who worked with Steven during his time as UCEAP's Italy Faculty Director. His dedication to the academic success and well-being of UCEAP students, and his commitment to the program in Bologna were exceptional. He was an outstanding guardian of academic excellence and a pleasure to work with. His dry wit and amusing observations about life in Italy enlivened his communications with staff, who remember him with respect and fondness. We are

grateful for Steven's longtime support for study abroad and his service to UCEAP. He twice chaired the Academic Senate's review of UCEAP's programs in Italy (2003 and 2013) and he also served on the UCEAP Faculty Advisory Committee for Italy for a number of years. As recently as January, he indicated he wanted to be kept in the loop about developments in the program. We extend our deepest sympathy to all of Steven's colleagues at UC Berkeley.



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**[Registration](#) will open soon for our 50th anniversary of student exchange with Mexico, Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Casa de California, Mexico City. We hope you can join us!**

UCEAP has a powerful and expanding network of 100,000 alumni in every field and every corner of the world. Whether you want to take the next step in your career or simply catch up with old friends, you'll find many ways to reach out, link up, and join the conversation. We look forward to seeing you soon!