In Memorium: William & Olivia Allaway

From UCEAP Associate Vice Provost & Executive Director Jean-Xavier Guinard:

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that UCEAP's Founding Director, William "Bill" Allaway, and his wife Olivia both recently passed away. The news brings enormous sadness to the UC study abroad community and it came as we gathered for our Annual Conference in Santa Barbara.

It was truly visionary, innovative and gutsy for Director Allaway to create The Global Campus, as he called UCEAP in the title of his wonderfully rich and inspiring book about education abroad and the University of California. To build it required hard and sustained work and determination, but also a wide range of skills - of leadership, diplomacy, management and scholarship, to name a few, as well as a great deal of charisma that would inspire others to follow in his lifelong crusade and enterprise. The legacy that Director Allaway leaves is remarkable, meaningful, powerful and forever lasting.

Only because of the foundation of academic excellence and the network of outstanding universities that he created have we been able to celebrate 50 years of success for the flagship program of the University of California that is EAP. We also felt the wonderful support that Olivia provided to our students, staff and faculty. She was a beam of contagious happiness that shone on our community for so long, and her comforting presence, her radiant smile and her kindness will live with us always.

To read the obituary for Bill & Olivia, please click here.
To help create a lasting legacy, UCEAP is currently accepting gifts in memory of Bill and Olivia Allaway. The UCEAP Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor alumni, faculty, staff and friends of UCEAP who have had a lasting impact on our students and programs. As the founding director of UCEAP in 1960 and throughout his 29 years of leadership, Professor Allaway built a foundation of academic excellence and a network of outstanding universities that is considered to be one of the premier study abroad programs today. Memorial contributions may be sent (payable to UC Regents) to: UCEAP Memorial Scholarship Fund for Bill Allaway, Development Office, 6950 Hollister Avenue Suite 200, Goleta, CA 93117.

For more information on how you can contribute, please call Elizabeth Janis Perl at 805-893-4233 or go to http://eap.ucop.edu/Giving

Isla Vista Tragedy: Thoughts & Prayers from Abroad

Following the news of the horrific events that occurred in Isla Vista on May 23rd, many students studying abroad felt helpless being so far away from their friends and family. Many study centers planned memorial events and created safe spaces for students from UCSB and other UC campuses to share their feelings and concerns.

Under the direction of Prof. Miriam Wattles (UCSB), the students studying in Tokyo met on May 30th to hold a commemorative meeting: "After reviewing the ceremonies that had occurred at UCSB by looking at pictures and responding, we began by lighting two candles that flanked a bouquet of our 'blue and gold' and a gaucho hat. The students then read short descriptions of the victims out loud, and we put in our various little connections to the victims. We then went around the circle with each sharing his or her thoughts and feelings. Finally, the discussion turned to student concerns about making changes in the culture of IV. I know that everyone was glad to have had the meeting, including me."

In the weeks that followed the tragedy, students and related others in Japan created a book of condolences comprised of pictures, drawings and notes, which Prof. Wattles presented to UCSB Chancellor Yang in June.

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients
Established this year, the Linda Duttenhaver Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor that UCEAP bestows upon an outstanding alumna or alumnus. The award salutes the achievements of alumni who have demonstrated a record of distinguished service and extraordinary success in a particular discipline or organization. The UCEAP Emerging Leader Award recognizes an outstanding UCEAP alumnus or alumna who graduated within the past 15 years. Both award recipients were honored at the UCEAP Annual Conference award ceremony on June 17, 2014.

Dr. Alice Kaplan, the John M. Musser Professor of French at Yale University, is the recipient of the 2014 Linda Duttenhaver Distinguished Alumni Award. Dr. Kaplan is a professor of Romance Studies, Literature, and History and the Chair of the Department of French at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. While an undergraduate studying French at University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Kaplan participated in the 1973-74 UCEAP Bordeaux, France program. She completed her 1981 Ph.D. at Yale and her current research interests include World War II and post-war France, literature and law, biography/autobiography and French cultural studies. Her book French Lessons: A Memoir, published in 1993, recounts her study abroad experience with UCEAP and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle award in biography/autobiography. Arthur Goldhammer from the Washington Post commented about Dr. Kaplan: "'Born a Jewish daughter of the American Midwest,' Alice Kaplan became a professor of French and an expert on the literature of French fascism. French Lessons is the story of her cultural odyssey, a brave attempt to articulate the compulsions that drove her to embrace foreignness in order to become truly herself." Dr. Kaplan was astonished and delighted to be the recipient of the first Duttenhaver award. "This past fall I celebrated the 40th reunion of my study abroad year in Bordeaux with a small group of friends from the UC program. It was an experience that sealed our friendship, enriched all of our lives, and continues to inform our thinking and our eye on the world." - Alice Kaplan
Josue Lopez Calderon is the 2014 recipient of the UCEAP Emerging Leader Award. Josue graduated from UCLA in 2010 with a B. A. in International Development Studies. He studied abroad with UCEAP at Thammasat University, Thailand in 2010 where a blog of his experiences attracted the attention of the U.S. Department of State. Upon returning from Thailan, Josue has pursued a career in Washington D.C. and is currently a U.S. Department of State Gilman International Scholar, focusing on a proposal on how to implement financial and technological growth and innovation in the Latino community by using Asia’s educational model for science and technology. Currently, Josue works for the U.S. Treasury Department, as a Business Development Specialist. Josue published an article earlier this year for The Huffington Post in English and Spanish to raise awareness about the need for diverse candidates and the scholarships and fellowships available for study and intern abroad programs. His story on baseball was recently published. Congratulations Josue!

UCEAP Internship Success Story Awards 2013-2014

For the 2nd year in a row, UCEAP has solicited stories from participants in internships abroad and once again received some amazing entries. Winners include six UC students and 2 reciprocity students representing all regions of the world. Submissions were reviewed by UCEAP systemwide staff and winners received a $50 amazon.com gift card.

Sarah Vella (UCSD), Thammasat University, Thailand - interned at EMPOWER, a NGO that defends the rights of migrant workers in the sex industry.

Kevin Veloria (UCM), International Christian University, Japan - taught local junior high school students English. The experience led him to change his career path to become a teacher.

Anjuli Dasika (UCLA), Fergusson College, Pune, India - interned at AKANKSHA Foundation working with low-caste and low-income students, many from violent or abusive families.
Jane Huson (UCSB), University of Bologna, Italy - interned at a high school in Bologna where she taught a course on American culture and lifestyle.

Sofia Gutierrez-Dewar (UCB), Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain - interned at Saffron Brand Consultants and gained skills in cognitive science and branding.

Heriberto Meza (UCI), Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain - interned at Catalonia Department of Juvenile Justice, assisted him in receiving multiple law school acceptances.

Francois Malinowski (University of Bordeaux), UCSB - interned at AppFolio which led to a job offer as a software engineer.

Stephanie Mao (Chinese University of Hong Kong), UCB - interned as risk analyst at Western Asset Management in Irvine, decided to pursue Ph.D. in economics.

UC Berkeley student learns about entrepreneurship in Denmark

Jennifer Won, a recent Interdisciplinary Studies & Linguistics graduate, participated in an organization called the Future Entrepreneurs of Denmark (FED) while studying at the University of Copenhagen through UCEAP.

"While being abroad in Denmark, I wanted to immerse myself in the culture as much as possible. I wanted to be an insider, not an outsider. One of my strategies was to become a part the Future Entrepreneurs of Denmark (FED) as a talent. The program has the vision to equip aspiring entrepreneurs from universities all over Denmark with the network, resources and training that will help them foster an understanding of being an entrepreneur in Denmark.

Fortunately, I was one of the 36 chosen talents as of March 2014! Out of 36 talents, 28 completed the program with a pitch set, a team with different skill sets and a network that will last a lifetime. As an exchange student, being a part of FED was a great opportunity to network with a global group. I collaborated with Masters students in various fields as well as Danes who have already started several businesses. We were in a team of six. Each event was customized for a particular skill set, which includes a pitch session where we got feedback from real investors. We also had the opportunity to hear the journeys of several entrepreneurs. By the end of this three-month program/training, I became close with this FED group, and I continue to collaborate with them over the internet even now that I've returned to the states. Not only did I gain knowledge of entrepreneurship, but I developed relationships that helped me feel closer to the Copenhagen community."

UC Merced Student Flourishes in Cordoba, Spain
Psychology Major and Spanish Minor Patricia Leslie was recently featured in the Merced Sun-Star for her study abroad experience in Cordoba, Spain.

A first-generation college student from the Merced area, Patricia received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State to support her time abroad. "I don't think that I would have had the opportunity to travel and study abroad if it wasn't for the scholarship," she said. "As a first-generation student, it's an incredible feeling to be able to travel and share my experience with my family members who've never had the opportunity to travel. I'm from a small city, but despite what many naysayers believe, I think that great things and great people with real desire and potential are from Merced County. I'm a testament of that."

UCI Student in Korea featured in webseries Bilingual Talks

Aaron Trimble, a Global Cultures major who recently spent a year studying at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea was recently featured on a YouTube webseries call "Bilingual Talks."

Immersed in the Korean language through coursework, friends and daily interactions in Seoul, Aaron explains, "I came here to learn Korean, and I recently did a bilingual interview in Korean and English. Some people from around the world who have seen it have told me that it has motivated them to learn Korean or keep on learning Korean, so I figure that maybe it can also motivate other UC students like myself to study abroad and really put in an effort to learn the home country's language."

UCI Student Reflects on Visit to Scottish Highlands
English major Shannon Ho spent spring semester 2014 at the University of Glasgow. Her entry below was selected by the UCEAP study center as the best blog write-up following the recent UCEAP UK & Ireland Scottish Highlands trip.

"It's probably safe for me to say that this planned trip to the highlands couldn't have come at a better time. My courses for the semester had ended the day before, and after a long period of academic study, it was nice to finally be able to relax without worrying about assignments or catching up with reading. As I am currently studying in Glasgow for the semester, I was lucky enough to be able to see some of the Scottish highlands in my previous trips with the university's International Society. I saw this trip with UCEAP more as a bonding experience with my fellow peers from Glasgow, and a reunion with those I had met early on who were studying at Edinburgh. In addition, this was also a chance to meet new faces--we were all bonded together with the familiarity of California and our new-found experiences here in the United Kingdom.

The entire trip was an ode to the beauty of Scotland, a country I have come to love dearly, but perhaps the most memorable moment was our stop at Glencoe. I had visited the area once before, and this second trip only reaffirmed its beauty and majesty--both imposing and breathtakingly stunning. 'You all can leave me here to die,' my friend joked as we all stood in silence before grudgingly walking back to our coaches at the behest of our tour guides. All in all, the trip was further proof to us just how big and beautiful the world is outside of the bubble we know. Thanks to the journey we've taken in studying abroad, I can say with confidence that I will return a little more multi-faceted than I was a few months ago."