



Princeton in Asia Alumni Mentor Directory **2022**

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Austin Arensberg	San Francisco, CA	Venture Capital / Finance
Julia Bakutis	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Fashion / Sustainability
Allison Behringer	Brooklyn, NY	Journalism / Podcast
Andrew Berkley	Seattle, WA	Technology
Ashley Berland	Orlando, FL	Sales & Marketing / User Testing
Blair Blackwell	Salt Lake City, UT	Energy / Corporate Affairs
Matt Błażejowski	Hangzhou, China	Education / Admissions
Richard Boehnke	Denver, CO	Consulting / Sustainability
Sean E. Callahan	Manila, Philippines	International Development
Jill Capotosto	New Haven, CT	MA Candidate / Environment
Edgar Chen	Washington, D.C.	Law / Government
Michael Chen	Washington, D.C.	Non-profit / Anti-Trafficking
Tarryn Chun	South Bend, IN	Education
Stanley Clark	New York, NY	Education
Natalia Cote-Muñoz	Washington, D.C.	Foreign Policy
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Ramie Jacobson	Changshu, China	Education / College Counseling
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Manav Khurana	San Francisco, CA	Technology / Finance
Katherine Klaric	Washington, D.C.	International Affairs
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Bilesh Hemant Ladva	Singapore / Vietnam	Start-ups / Finance
Jenny Lah	Los Angeles, CA	Philanthropy / Consulting
Mariesa Lea	Oakland, CA	Finance / Healthcare
Will Leahy	Washington, D.C.	Law / Government Affairs
Autumn Lewien	Wisconsin	Research / Data
Brooke Lewy	San Francisco	Journalism / Food
Judy Li	Chicago, IL	Venture Capital / Energy
Stephen Markscheid	Chicago, IL / China	Technology / Energy / Finance
Amanda McDonald Meyer	Arlington, VA	Education

**Mentor Profiles, continued**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Current Location</i>	<i>Industry/Profession</i>
Colleen Morris	Washington, D.C.	Public Health / Medical
Jon Nuger	Boston, MA	Private Equity
Meghan O'Hern	Santa Monica, CA	Recruiting / Business Development
Hiromi Oka	Austin, TX	Law
Mathew O'Sullivan	Washington, D.C.	Finance / Technology
Derek Porter	Chicago, IL	Management Consulting
Felicia Pullam	Glen Burnie, MD	Government
Maxwell Robinson	Singapore	Finance / Venture Building
Marshall Roslyn	Singapore	Education / Technology
Ayanna Runcie	New York, NY	Journalism / Broadcast News
Brent Scharschmidt	San Rafael, CA	Medicine
Hugh Schuckman	South Korea	Education
Ben Shell	Oakland, CA	Energy / Renewables
Elena Sheppard	New York, NY	Journalism
Simon Shieh	Washington, D.C.	Education
Clayton Shuttleworth	Chiang Mai, Thailand	Education / Translation
Stephen Stolzenberg	Jersey City, NJ	Start-ups / Finance
Molly Stoneman	HCMC, Vietnam	International Development
Thomas Talhelm	Chicago, IL	Education / Social Enterprise
Sharon Volckhausen	New York, NY	Law / Government
Katalyn Voss	Washington, D.C.	Policy / Environmental
Alex Ward	HCMC, Vietnam	Social Impact
Katie White	New York, NY	Wealth Management
Ciaran Willis	Portland, OR	Education
Robert Woll	Hong Kong	Law
Stephen Wong	Washington, D.C.	Technology / Sustainability
Philip Witte	Piedmont, CA	Humor / Cartoons
Jessie Yu	San Francisco, CA	Technology / Finance
Manuela Zoninsein	Chicago, IL	Technology



Guidelines for the PiA Alumni Mentor Directory

Each of the people listed in the PiA Alumni Mentor Directory look forward to supporting you through their time and expertise. Before reaching out to initiate a conversation, please thoroughly review the following tips and articles on best practices for interacting with a mentor.

Top 10 Tips for using the PiA Alumni Mentor Directory:

1. Read each profile thoroughly. Find the alumni mentor that matches your interests most closely and only reach out to one mentor at a time.
2. Mentors have indicated how they would like to communicate and engage with mentees in the following sections: "How would you like to engage with your mentee?" and "Preferred mode of contact." Pay close attention to these sections and abide by the mentor's preferences when you reach out.
3. Be upfront and clear about what advice you are seeking. Brevity and clarity are valuable. Prepare a few bullet points on topics you would like to discuss. This can help maximize your call or meeting and guide your mentor's preparation.
4. Do your best to respond to your mentor within 24 hours.
5. Provide at least three possible times/dates if you are planning a time for a call or meeting. This will reduce time spent on scheduling and make it easier for your mentor to plan. If you are meeting your mentor in person, suggest a location that is most convenient for your mentor. When you settle on a mutually agreeable date/time/location, send your mentor a calendar invitation via email - and ensure the time zone is correct.
6. While mentors' time availability will vary, capping an initial call or meeting at 30 minutes length is a good standard.
7. If you must reschedule a call or meeting, notify your mentor at least 24 hours in advance. If you will be late to a call or meeting (even by a few minutes), a short email or text conveying your tardiness is often well received.
8. Be polite and make sure to follow up with a thank you after your call or meeting.
9. Have fun! Ask mentors about their time at PiA – you will be amazed at some of the similarities between your PiA experiences and will enjoy the passion of your fellow alumni.
10. Remember that all alumni mentors are volunteers. Respect their time and generosity.

Additional Reading:

1. <https://www.insala.com/blog/how-to-be-a-good-mentee>
2. <https://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2009/08/top-10-tips-maximize-your-mentoring>
3. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ashiraprossack1/2018/04/27/how-to-be-a-great-mentee/?sh=71ddb868512b>



Sample Message to a Potential Mentor

Dear [Mentor's Name],

Introduce yourself: My name is [First Name] and I recently completed a Princeton in Asia fellowship at [PiA host organization] in [PiA City, Country]. During my PiA fellowship, I [briefly describe work and experiences during PiA].

Address why you think this mentor would be a good fit for you: It was great to see your profile listed in the PiA Alumni Mentor Directory. I'd like the opportunity to hear about your experiences in a career [in field/at company/as a job title]. I'm interested in [field], and I thought your background puts you in an excellent position to advise me.

Add, if applicable, something that stuck out to you about this mentor's profile: I appreciated your profile's mention that you [really enjoy working, are learning a new language]... You mentioned in your profile that you have some expertise in [something specific you'd like to learn about], which caught my eye because I'm interested in learning more about that... Your profile caught my attention because [you seem enthusiastic about mentoring and I'm excited to work with someone so passionate].

Address what you want to get out of the mentorship relationship: I'm looking for a mentor because [ex. I'm transitioning back to the U.S., and I've recently started job searching]. I'd appreciate your tips about networking, interviewing, and translating what I am learning on my fellowship. I'd also like to learn more about the [industry name] industry and your experiences in your career so far.

Address how you'd like to interact and how much time and attention you think you'll need: While I'd prefer to meet in person for about an hour once a month if possible, I'm also available to meet via Zoom or phone. [Include time of day] tend to work best for my schedule. My hope is that I can find a mentor with whom to work for [time frame]. Of course, if we achieve our goals sooner or we're really enjoying our time together, we can discuss concluding our relationship earlier or extending it to longer than [time frame].

Conclude with a thank you: Thank you for considering me as a mentee. I hope we will have the opportunity to connect soon.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]



Sample Agenda: Beginning and Ending a Conversation with a Mentor

Meeting Kick Off

- a. Chit chat/rapport building: Personal and/or business (as appropriate)
- b. Show appreciation for meeting: Example – “Thanks for taking the time to speak with me.”
- c. Confirm length of meeting: Example – “You mentioned you have about 30 minutes...is that still the case?”

Set Expectations for the Meeting

- a. Briefly state the goals and/or objections for the meeting: Example - “I was hoping that we could learn a bit more about each other’s backgrounds and determine...”
- b. Check in to see if your mentor has other topics they’d like to cover: Example – “What else would you like to cover to make this a good use of your time?”

Concluding the Meeting


- a. The last five minutes can be as important as the first five minutes. Be sure to summarize the important outcomes and learnings from your meeting: Example – “What you said about making a conscious next step in my career really resonated with me...”
- b. Confirm next steps: Example – “when should we speak next?” so that you can get a date on the calendar after comparing both of your schedules (if applicable).
- c. Be gracious. Thank your mentor for their time and insight.

Follow Up

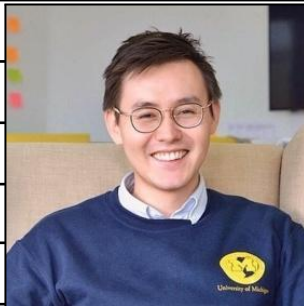
- a. As with any business connection, always follow up. For example, let your mentor know what resulted from your conversation or how their advice worked out. If you know you are going to have a hard time remembering to do this, put a note in your calendar.

These guidelines were developed by Dave Ryan, Managing Partner at Gray Matters Group. He can be found at graymattersgroup.com.



Name	Alexander Abbott	
PiA Year	2012	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Mae Fah Luang University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Amsterdam, Netherlands as of 2020; previously Los Angeles, CA	
Current professional industry	Tech (SaaS) Sales	
Professional Experience	Experienced Software-as-a-Service sales professional. Prior work experience in technology, management consulting and finance with a Bachelor's in Business Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/alex-abbott-81a90632/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	<p>Princeton in Asia had a profound impact on me personally and professionally. My experience teaching developed my problem-solving, presentation, organization and critical thinking skills, which I continue to use and build on every day. And, most notably, it instilled in me a greater sense of perspective on what I value and want to prioritize in my life.</p> <p>Indirectly as a result of my PiA experience in Thailand expanding my world, I am now married to a Spaniard and live in Amsterdam.</p>	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I'm happy to connect anytime. Via email and eventually a Zoom call is likely the best way. If someone is in town (Amsterdam), then of course happy to visit in person!	
Contact information	alexander.c.abbott@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email me and we can take it from there.	




Name	Louis Albertini	
PiA Year	2015	
PiA Country/Region	Kazakhstan	
PiA Host Institution	KIMEP University	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Chicago, IL	
Current professional industry	Software & Internet	
Professional Experience	Spent a year working in the administration at KIMEP University in Almaty, Kazakhstan and stayed in Kazakhstan for 5 more years, working at the American Chamber of Commerce, founding my own consulting business (with partnership with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), launched several VC-backed startups, and currently co-founded a YC-backed startup with partners from Kazakhstan. To say that Princeton in Asia was the launch point is a severe understatement...	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/louisalbertini/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Served as an incredible launch point for a specialized career between US and Central Asia. Experienced Kazakhstan and Central Asia through an intimate, local lens and made many friends along the way.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, one-time informationals, open ended discussions about how to translate your knowledge learned abroad into marketable skills for back home (US). Resume/Cover letter reviews.	
Contact information	louaalbertini@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Scheduled Zoom or Hangout calls a few times a month.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Hard to say - lots of great memories hanging out with other PiAers, especially those who visited Almaty from other posts. Now, I would say the strong alumni identity that connects us all through these one-in-a-lifetime experiences.	




Name	Austin Arensberg	
PiA Year	2006	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	IUCN - The World Conservation Union	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	San Francisco, CA	
Current professional industry	Venture Capital / Finance	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I worked two years in environmental research for the National Science Foundation in China and IUCN in Thailand• 3.5 years in renewable energy private equity investing in Southeast Asia• 2 years of corporate development and M&A for PTT, the national oil company of Thailand• MBA from INSEAD Business School in Singapore• 2 years corporate strategy for Samsung in Seoul, Korea focused on electric vehicle and energy storage batteries• 3.5 years in technology venture capital investing for Scrum Ventures in San Francisco	
LinkedIn	http://www.Linkedin.com/in/austinarensberg	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	I have had numerous career opportunities come through the PiA network, now I'm excited to give back!	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy to share experiences of re-entry back to the US• Discuss career objectives, transitions• Review CVs• Share industry insights in technology venture capital, corporate strategy, energy and oil and gas industry	
Contact information	austinarensberg@gmail.com Skype: austinarensberg	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set up a 15-20 minute Skype/Zoom call.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The random serendipitous encounters with PiA friends that literally happen all over the world and the openness and intellectual curiosity that defines the community.	



Name	Julia Bakutis	
PiA Year	2009	
PiA Country/Region	Vietnam	
PiA Host Institution	AIP Foundation	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	
Current professional industry	Fashion / Sustainability	
Professional Experience	<p>I drive sustainability performance and ensure business growth in the garment, footwear, home, beauty, and accessories supply chain globally for H&M Group. I instigate collaboration among civil society, private sector and other stakeholders to create solutions to industry challenges.</p> <p>Specialties: Sustainable supply chains, stakeholder engagement, strategic planning, reporting and research.</p>	
LinkedIn	http://www.LinkedIn.com/in/julia-bakutis-2299509/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Going to Asia changed my life completely! I fell in love with Asia and decided that I had to stay somewhere on the continent beyond my fellowship. I ended up getting a job with the Fair Labor Association in Shanghai, China and from there moved into sustainability with H&M, where I am still working today.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Informational interviews, career objectives/transitions, CV/cover letter review.	
Contact information	julia.bakutis@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email to set up a short Skype call.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The empowerment and ownership it allowed; the adventure!	




Name	Allison Behringer	
PiA Year	2012	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Sriserm Primary School	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Brooklyn, NY	
Current professional industry	Journalism, podcast producer	
Professional Experience	<p>Allison Behringer is an award-winning narrative audio journalist and podcast producer.</p> <p>She is the creator, host and producer of Bodies, a feminist documentary podcast supported by NPR-affiliate KCRW. Each episode is the journey of one person (specifically women and marginalized genders) to solve their medical mystery. It combines intimate, nuanced storytelling with health reporting to uncover the layers that affect health, like racism, sexism, and capitalism.</p> <p>Bodies won Third Coast Festival's 2020 Best Documentary Bronze Award and won the 2020 Online News Association's Journalism Award for Excellence in Audio Storytelling. Bodies has received critical acclaim from HuffPost, Bello Collective, Elle, Time, The New York Review of Books and more.</p> <p>Allison is also a founding member of the Rough Cut Collective, which provides honest, compassionate, and on-demand feedback for audio stories. Formerly, she worked on The Cut podcast as an editor and producer (check out the episode "You Might Actually Be in Love With Your Best Friend").</p> <p>Allison has given lectures and led workshops about podcasting at WNYC's Werk It Conference, Spotify's Sound Up Fellowship, PRX's Podcast Garage, AIR Media and guest lectured for university journalism courses.</p> <p>She got her start in podcasting as the host and producer of The Intern, a first-person narrative documentary about navigating the startup tech world at betaworks and living in NYC.</p> <p>She was born and raised in Maryland. And after graduating from Princeton University, she taught English in northern Thailand with Princeton in Asia, then returned to the States to teach 10th grade in the Bronx. Allison also helped to launch an adolescent health education non-profit in India. She studied writing and multimedia at the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies.</p> <p>Allison lives in Brooklyn, NY. She loves outdoor adventures, cooking, dancing, and riding her bike everywhere she goes.</p>	



LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/allison-behringer-855aa745
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Made journalism connections through the alumni network; learned a lot as a teacher that translated into journalism/storytelling
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Any/all
Contact information	Behringer.allison@gmail.com
Preferred mode of contact	Email initially; phone calls to talk further
Favorite aspect of PiA	New experiences (the joys and challenges of that); the community



Name	Andrew Berkley	
PiA Year	2013, 2014	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	China Foreign Affairs University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Seattle, WA	
Current professional industry	Tech	
Professional Experience	I manage the process for ongoing review and oversight of Microsoft's high-impact AI cases that involve complex sociotechnical issues and questions. I do this by working with world-class researchers, engineers, designers, ethicists, lawyers, and policy experts to provide timely case-based guidance, craft governance policies, and put forward technical requirements for developing and deploying Microsoft's most sensitive AI-driven initiatives, products, services, partnerships, and customer-facing projects. Before joining Microsoft I was a technologist and data science lead at the World Economic Forum where he led the Forum's work leveraging data and immersive technologies for positive social good. I also served as a collaborator for Carnegie Mellon University CREATE Lab's EarthTime project which allows people to examine major environmental, social, and political phenomena across time, across space, and between each other through the power of visual storytelling. Prior to joining the World Economic Forum, I completed my graduate work at the University of Oxford where my research focused on online social networks. I previously served as lecturer and Princeton-in-Asia Fellow at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing. I am formally trained as a political economist and computational social scientist and also hold a bachelor's degree in Philosophy, Politics, Economics, & Law and a degree in Chinese language studies from the University of Arizona Honors College.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/andrewcberkley/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA prepared me for our rapidly changing and diverse society by cultivating my desire to be a responsible citizen that is sensitive to the needs of our times; furthermore, PiA helped shape my critical, analytical, and creative approaches to problem solving by helping push me outside of my comfort zone. Looking back, PiA's focus on fostering mutual appreciation and cross-cultural understanding between the United States and Asia helped shape my optimistic view of human nature and its possibilities which is an outlook I still carry with me to this day.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Discussing jobs in international relations or tech; resume/cover letter reviews	
Contact information	andrewcberkley@gmail.com	




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Preferred mode of contact	Email
Favorite aspect of PiA	Something that was truly enjoyable was learning to deal with differences in culture was to just laugh, eat 回锅肉, and remembering that PiA was—and still is —a very rare and extraordinary experience that very few people have the privilege to enjoy in their lifetimes. So just learning to make the most of each and every day and not forgetting to stop and smell the roses (even if the AQI is off the charts).

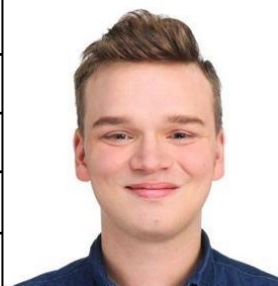


Name	Ashley Berland	
PiA Year	2019-2020	
PiA Country/Region	Japan	
PiA Host Institution	Eko-in Buddhist Temple School	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Orlando, FL	
Current professional industry	User Testing	
Professional Experience	Prior to PiA, I worked as an independent contractor for a technology start-up, Violet Defense, and as a Social Impact Designer and consultant for Tiger Challenge advising the Princeton municipal government. Through PiA, I worked as an English Teacher at Eko-in Kindergarten before the pandemic, before continuing in the position independently and being promoted to English Program Manager for both locations (Tokyo and Chiba). Following PiA, I worked in User Testing, along with some freelance work consulting for Violet Defense and in transcription.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/ashley-k-berland-727646a5/	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I am happy to engage any way any mentees might want (ongoing, discussions, interviews, etc.)	
Contact information	akberland6@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email is most effective, and we can set up additional methods of contact from there.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The community	



Name	Blair Blackwell	
PiA Year	1996	
PiA Country/Region	Kazakhstan	
PiA Host Institution	Kazakhstan Institute for Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP)	
PiA Post Type	Public Affairs	
Current Location	Salt Lake City, UT	
Current professional industry	Energy, Corporate Responsibility	
Professional Experience	Blair Blackwell is the Manager of Corporate Affairs of the Salt Lake Refinery of Chevron Corporation. Previously, she held two other positions at Chevron: Senior Advisor for Policy, Government and Public Affairs (in her former PiA host city of Almaty, Kazakhstan) and Manager of Education and Corporate Programs in San Ramon, California, where she was responsible for leading Chevron's education focused social investment initiatives in the United States. Blair has over 20 years of experience with the private sector, nonprofit organizations and international organizations in Africa, the Balkans, Central Asia and the United States. She earned a bachelor's degree in Slavic Languages and Literatures from Princeton University and is a Board Member of Princeton in Asia.	
LinkedIn	http://www.Linkedin.com/in/blair-blackwell-58b60a6	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	The PiA experience played an instrumental role in jump starting me on my career path and the amazing network of PiA alums have continued to support me at crucial decision points in my career ever since.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	<p>Conversation topics might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I've had a very varied career working in numerous locations and in everything from a small nonprofit to a large corporation - happy to discuss career goals and opportunities - Work-life balance and considering tradeoffs - Nonprofit management, corporate responsibility, international career opportunities, etc. 	
Contact information	blair.blackwell@chevron.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email me and we can set up time and mode of talk. Or text or WhatsApp me at +1 925-964-7333.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	I loved (and still do) getting out of my comfort zone and exploring new and different parts of the world. And I continue to be humbled by all that the PiA experience can provide. Putting in the time and effort to develop PiA relationships (even 20+ years out) pays huge dividends - and not just for yourself.	



Name	Matt Błażejowski	
PiA Year	2017-2018	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	Clover Education	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, People's Republic of China	
Current professional industry	Admissions	
Professional Experience	<p>Matt is a young professional with an unwavering commitment to the liberal arts, community-building, intercultural communication, and storytelling. He has experience in admissions, communications, consulting, diversity and inclusion, freelance writing, and international education.</p> <p>Matt currently works as an Admissions Officer at Wellington College International Hangzhou, where he serves as a bilingual ambassador (English/Mandarin) for families from the first point of contact through the enrollment process. His experience living and working in Hangzhou has enabled him to form meaningful relationships across communities, guaranteeing prospective families timely service and a smooth transition to both the city and the school's campus.</p> <p>Prior to arriving at Wellington College International Hangzhou, Matt worked in educational consulting, counselling high school students in Zhejiang Province, P.R.C. and Singapore as they applied to colleges and universities in the U.S., U.K., and Canada. His students received admission to schools including Carnegie Mellon University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Imperial College London, McGill University, the University of Edinburgh, and the University of Southern California (Marshall School of Business).</p> <p>Matt was born and raised in the U.S., where he attended Notre Dame High School in New Jersey and Princeton University, graduating magna cum laude with a BA in East Asian Studies and a certificate (minor) in Translation and Intercultural Communication. He was also a recipient of the 2017 Spirit of Princeton award as well as a Princeton in Asia fellowship. He has lived in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, P.R.C. since June 2017.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/mattblazejewski/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	<p>I'm often asked how I wound up in Hangzhou and the answer is simple: Princeton in Asia. Through a one-year fellowship, I fell in love with the city and made the choice to leave Clover Education (where I stayed on in total for about a year and eight months) for my current position as an Admissions Officer at Wellington College International Hangzhou. Prior to the onset of COVID-19, I was fortunate enough to travel throughout Asia, and with travel and quarantine restrictions, I have crisscrossed mainland China on planes and trains to see as much as I can while I am here. I work in a language environment that is 80% Chinese/20% English and I have experienced transformational growth since I moved here in June 2017.</p>	




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How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, especially for those who choose to remain in Asia and/or their country of posting after they have completed their fellowship posting.
Contact information	Email address: mpb3@alumni.princeton.edu
Preferred mode of contact	Please send me an email to arrange a time to chat about your interests and plans.
Favorite aspect of PiA	PiA provided instant access to a community of like-minded individuals scattered across Asia. Many of these individuals I visited in my travels throughout mainland China and Asia, and several I am honored to count among my close friends. While most of those I met during my fellowship year have since returned to the U.S., we still keep in close touch via social media and share with each other our respective journeys.



Name	Richard Boehnke	
PiA Year	2012, 2013	
PiA Country/Region	Vietnam	
PiA Host Institution	Kein Giang CC, Can Tho University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Denver, CO	
Current professional industry	Demand Side Management, Utility Energy Efficiency, Business Consultant, Sustainability	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recurve: Customer Solutions Manager- Franklin Energy Services: Program Manager - Major Accounts & Public Sector- Ecofys, A Navigant Company: Researcher - Energy Projects- CultivateLabs: Business Consultant & Analyst- Wello: Fellow - Impact Assessment- PiA: Teaching Fellow	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/richard-boehnke/	
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	Perspective and time to develop and marinate as I explored the world and what roles I might be interested in playing.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	One-time informational interview, share industry insights, discuss career objectives/transitions, share experiences of re-entry back to the U.S.	
Contact information	rick.boehnke@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email to start and happy to set up a call/Skype.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The people whom I was fortunate enough to meet both living abroad and those in PiA.	




Name	Sean Callahan	
PiA Year	1991-1992	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Bangkok Christian College	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Manila, Philippines	
Current professional industry	International Development/Foreign Assistance	
Professional Experience	<p>Mr. Callahan, a member of the Senior Foreign Service, is the USAID Acting Mission Director for the Pacific Islands and Mongolia based in Manila. Previously, he was the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Program Operations in USAID's Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs; the USAID Deputy Mission Director to Cambodia; and he served in Egypt, Georgia and Indonesia as the USAID Regional Legal Advisor.</p> <p>Before joining USAID, Mr. Callahan practiced corporate law at Clifford Chance Rogers & Wells and worked on refugee resettlement matters with the International Catholic Migration Commission and the International Organization for Migration in Vietnam and Macedonia.</p> <p>Mr. Callahan is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law; Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs; and the College of the Holy Cross. He is a member of the District of Columbia and New York State Bar.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/sean-e-callahan-0794197/	
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	Opened my eyes to a larger, more interesting, more complicated and a more adventurous world.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Informal discussions	
Contact information	secallahan@usaid.gov or callahansean@hotmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Zoom or Google Meet	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Being out and about living in the moment in a new land and a new culture different from my own.	



Name	Jill Capotosto	
PiA Year	2014, 2015	
PiA Country/Region	Vietnam	
PiA Host Institution	TRAFFIC	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	New Haven, CT	
Current professional industry	Environmental sustainability / Non-profit / Communications Fox Fellow (visiting researcher at the University of Ghana through a Yale-funded fellowship)	
Professional Experience	Jill is currently conducting research as a Fox Fellow at the University of Ghana. She recently graduated with a Master of Environmental Management and Master of Arts, Global Affairs joint degree from the Yale School the Environment and the Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs. As a student, she interned with the International Committee for the Red Cross and the International Organization for Migration (the UN's migration agency) and worked on the development of the Yale Center for Environmental Justice. Prior to starting graduate school, Jill was the Communications Assistant for the U.S. Program at the Institute for Sustainable Communities. In this role, she created and edited communications materials, sent program field updates, and developed innovative outreach materials and approaches.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, one-time informational interview, share industry insights, share experiences of re-entry back to the U.S.	
Contact information	jecapotosto@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email, email to set up 15-20 minute Skype call	



Name	Edgar Chen	
PiA Year	1997	
PiA Country/Region	Kazakhstan	
PiA Host Institution	Kazakhstan Institute for Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP)	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Washington, D.C.	
Current professional industry	Law / Government	
Professional Experience	<p>I'm an attorney with 20 years of experience working in the government, NGO, and private sectors.</p> <p>I specialized in human rights advocacy and then served as a senior trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Special Investigations (later the Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section) which brought legal actions against those who entered the U.S. and concealed their participation in human rights violations from immigration authorities, including against those who participated in, or assisted in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution during the Second World War and before.</p> <p>I also served in the DOJ's Office of Legislative Affairs where I was responsible for advocating the Department's legislative priorities on issues as diverse as anti-money laundering, human trafficking, tribal affairs, forensic science and financial fraud to Congress.</p> <p>From 2015-2016 I served as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the DOJ's Criminal Division.</p> <p>I currently serve as Policy Director for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) where I work on combating anti-Asian hate crimes and bias-driven incidents.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.Linkedin.com/in/edgar-chen-60a7081/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	<p>PiA was, as I imagine it is for most participants, a world-changing experience. I love history — and in my job doing human rights accountability, I had to rely heavily on historical resources from overseas. I went to Kazakhstan to see firsthand the transition in Central Asia from the clutches of communism in the Soviet Union — but saw so much more in terms of culture, language, geopolitics and food!</p>	




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Alumni & Friends


PiA Alumni Mentor Directory

How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Anything I can do to help! In the past, I have advised returning Fellows about how to get started in a career in human rights (it's tough!) and I spoke with so many young, motivated, talented alums, and I really enjoyed that!
Contact information	echen@alumni.princeton.edu
Preferred mode of contact	E-mail me!
Favorite aspect of PiA	It was like family!



Name	Michael Chen	
PiA Year	2017-2018	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	The Linden Centre	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	Washington, D.C.	
Current professional industry	Anti-Trafficking NGO	
Professional Experience	Worked in legal aid helping renters in San Francisco with eviction before moving east to DC to work with the National Human Trafficking Hotline.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/mwlite/in/michael-chen-a7754362	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	It was incredibly formative in shaping the driving questions that I ask. How to pursue equity and focus on driving real tangible change and results? How to develop programs and community?	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Open to any engagement, although I may not be so helpful in career advice. More so mission/purpose/culture questions.	
Contact information	michael.william.chen@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email to set up phone calls or meet in person in the DC area for coffee.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The sense of shared wonder, adventure, and joy - all seen through the lens of cultural humility.	




Name	Tarryn Chun	
PiA Year	2006-2008	
PiA Country/Region	Taiwan	
PiA Host Institution	Affiliated Middle/High School of Tunghai University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	South Bend, IN	
Current professional industry	Education	
Professional Experience	<p>Tarryn Chun is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre at the University of Notre Dame, where she holds a concurrent appointment in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures and is a Faculty Fellow at the Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies.</p> <p>Prior to joining the faculty at Notre Dame, she completed her Ph.D. at Harvard University and was a postdoctoral fellow in the Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan. Her research focuses on modern and contemporary Chinese theatre, and she teaches courses in Asian theatre, global theatre history, intercultural performance, adaptation, and intersections among theatre and other arts/media.</p> <p>Currently, she is completing a book manuscript entitled "Revolutionary Stagecraft: Theatre, Technology, and Politics in Modern China", which examines the relationship between technological modernization and artistic innovation in 20th-21st century Chinese theatre. Other projects include a second book manuscript on "Spectacle and Excess in Global Chinese Performance" and a collaboration with Professor Anton Juan on "Theatre for Justice in Asia: Past, Present, Futures." She serves on the boards of the Association for Asian Performance and the Association for Chinese and Comparative Literature, and is a Trustee of the Princeton Triangle Club, a collegiate musical theatre organization.</p>	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	My time as a fellow in Taiwan cemented my interest in studying Chinese and Taiwanese culture. Since PiA, I've been back to Taiwan several times for research and other professional activities.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I'm interested in engaging with any mentees interested in pursuing careers in academia, especially in Asia-related arts and humanities. I'd be happy to do either one-time interviews or career trajectory conversations, or mentor them through the grad school application process.	
Contact information	tchun@nd.edu ; tarryn.chun@gmail.com	



Preferred mode of contact	Please email with a self-introduction and interests.
Favorite aspect of PiA	The entire experience! :)

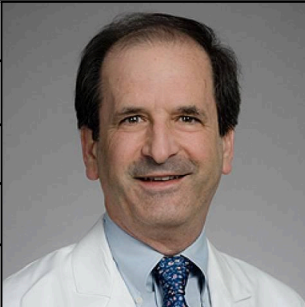


Name	Stanley Clark	
PiA Year	2018	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	Northeastern University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	New York, NY	
Current professional industry	International Education	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I served two service years in AmeriCorps. One as a FEMA Corps member (based in Mississippi but worked in several states, including South Carolina, Louisiana, and Texas) and one as a VISTA Leader (NYC). (2016-2018)- I served one year as a PiA Teaching Fellow at Northeastern University in Shenyang, China.- Afterwards, I got a Masters in International Affairs at the Bush School of Government and Public Service in Texas A&M University. My concentration was international NGOs and International Education.- After graduate school, I was a regional schools coordinator with Uncommon Schools. I supported two superintendents and their work to manage 8 middle school principals in Newark and Brooklyn.- Currently, I am the YES Abroad Specialist with AFS-USA. I supervise over 36 American high-school students living and studying abroad in six countries. The students are recipients of a full scholarship from the U.S. Department of State's Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/stanley-clark	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA was incredibly instrumental in my decision to pursue a graduate degree in international affairs. It also influenced my decision to work in education after graduation. Through my PiA fellowship, I got first-hand experience in international education. In graduate school, my studies were enhanced by my real-world experience in China. It currently informs my work as a YES Abroad specialist at AFS-USA.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, re-entry back into the U.S., resume/cover letter review.	
Contact information	Stantm4@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email me to set up a Skype call or Phone call.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Meeting country nationals overseas. The friendships I built at my post and with my fellow PiAers. Also, visiting co-fellows during breaks!	




Name	Natalia Cote-Muñoz
PiA Year	2014-2016
PiA Country/Region	China
PiA Host Institution	China Foreign Affairs University
PiA Post Type	Teaching
Current Location	Washington, D.C.
Current professional industry	Foreign Policy
Professional Experience	Natalia Cote-Muñoz serves as a special assistant to the head of the State Department's Office of Policy Planning. A policy analyst who previously served as a research associate at the Council on Foreign Relations, she has published in Foreign Policy, The Diplomat, and Americas Quarterly. Ms. Cote-Muñoz has held fellowships with Foreign Policy for America, the German Marshall Fund, the Inter-American Dialogue, and Princeton in Asia. She holds an MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School and a BA in Political Science from Swarthmore College. Ms. Cote-Muñoz is trilingual (English, Spanish, and French), has advanced Mandarin proficiency, and has lived and worked in China and across the Americas.
LinkedIn	http://linkedin.com/in/ncotemunoz
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Informational interviews
Contact information	ncotemunoz@gmail.com
Preferred mode of contact	Email



Name	David Dichek	
PiA Year	1976	
PiA Country/Region	Japan	
PiA Host Institution	Matsushita Electric	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Seattle, WA	
Current professional industry	Healthcare, biomedical research	
Professional Experience	Trained as cardiologist, still do some clinical work, mostly lead a biomedical research group. Career at academic medical centers and research institutes.	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Gave me a perspective on international business and on Japanese culture. I apply the latter from time to time, with Japanese colleagues and trainees. I apply it at other times to shape my own world view and interpersonal interactions. I don't think this can be acquired from afar.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	One or a few meetings if you have questions you think I can answer about career objectives/transitions or could otherwise be of help.	
Contact information	d.dichek@comcast.net	
Preferred mode of contact	E-mail and we'll take it from there.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Learning what there is below the surface in Japanese culture and seeing it in action.	




Name	Hoa Duong Piyaka	
PiA Year	2003-2004	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Khon Kaen University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Thailand	
Current professional industry	Public policy and strategy advisor for international non-profits and private sector	
Professional Experience	15+ years of nonprofit, philanthropy, private sector project management, fundraising, partnership development and advising/consulting	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA launched my first extended work and living experience abroad. I have lived in or worked on Asia regional issues ever since.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	One time informational interview Discuss career objectives/transitions Share industry insights Resume/cover letter review Interview prep	
Contact information	hoatuduong@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email me to set up a 15-30 minute WhatsApp or Google Meet.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Immersion in foreign culture that led to personal learning and growth; Connections with local people and PiA network	




Name	Patrick Dwyer	
PiA Year	1998	
PiA Country/Region	Japan	
PiA Host Institution	Tokyo Medical University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Santa Monica, CA	
Current professional industry	Video Games	
Professional Experience	Video game production on both the publishing and development sides of the business with a focus on AAA console game development	
LinkedIn	https://www.LinkedIn.com/in/pat-dwyer-0b20182/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	My fellowship gave me the opportunity to work within a Japanese organization and gain insight into the working culture that I would have never gained otherwise. Though my next job was in another field with an American company, I was still working in Japan and my experience with PiA helped me tremendously when working with our Japanese partners.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I'm happy to meet / talk on the phone or Skype to discuss both my experiences on PiA as well as anything related to pursuing a career in the video game industry.	
Contact information	pat_dwyer@yahoo.com (310) 425-2241	
Preferred mode of contact	Please send me an email to set up a call.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	I really appreciated knowing what kinds of fellowships were available as well as all of the intel the previous fellows were able to share with me about the post.	



Name	Rachel Farkas	
PiA Year	2000, 2001	
PiA Country/Region	Taiwan	
PiA Host Institution	Affiliated Elementary School of Tunghai University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Boston, MA	
Current professional industry	Museums / Arts & Culture / Education	
Professional Experience	<p>Museum professional who activates collections through co-creation and storytelling to spark curiosity, empathy, and wonder.</p> <p>Currently Curator of Collections at Boston Children’s Museum. Previously in the Asian Art department at the Honolulu Academy of Arts.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.Linkedin.com/in/rachel-farkas-5958b21	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Through PiA, I was able to live and travel abroad all while gaining practical skills. The experience fostered my sense of independence and helped me develop my leadership style.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I’m always happy to chat (in person or remote) with folks interested in museums, collections management and care, or informal learning.	
Contact information	farkas@bostonchildrensmuseum.org	
Preferred mode of contact	Email	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Food, travel, museums... and friends.	




Name	Joe Gayeski	
PiA Year	2016, 2017	
PiA Country/Region	Cambodia, Myanmar	
PiA Host Institution	National Democratic Institute (NDI)	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	New Haven, CT	
Current professional industry	Diplomacy, Global Affairs, Research	
Professional Experience	Joe Gayeski is an M.A. student at the Yale Jackson Institute interested in American foreign policy and the international relations of East and Southeast Asia. His interest in the region developed while a Princeton in Asia fellow with the National Democratic Institute (NDI). Joe assisted NDI's observation of Cambodia's 2017 local elections from Phnom Penh, then relocated to NDI's Naypyidaw office to conduct policy research for elected Hluttaw representatives. Joe remained in Myanmar after his fellowship to consult various international organizations and donor agencies on the evaluation of their programs. An avid language student, Joe speaks Khmer and Burmese. Joe graduated from the University of Edinburgh with first class honors in international relations. He has studied on exchange at the University of Sydney and completed language training at SOAS, University of London. Joe is focused on research methodology and diplomatic history at Jackson and serves as a managing editor of the Yale Journal of International Affairs.	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	I owe my career path entirely to PiA. It was through PiA that I had the opportunity to get to Southeast Asia, meet diplomats, and decide that diplomacy was the career for me. I did not anticipate this going into the program, but it has shaped my thinking and decisions ever since.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, informational interviews, resume/cover letter reviews, generally career advice	
Contact information	joe.gayeski@yale.edu	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set up one-off or regular calls.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Everyone around me was intellectually and personally curious about the places in which they found themselves. This curiosity is what made the experience worthwhile.	



Name	Nina Henning	
PiA Year	2001	
PiA Country/Region	Nepal	
PiA Host Institution	Wild Earth Nepal	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Nairobi, Kenya	
Current professional industry	Independent consultant who supports organizations to develop and implement sustainable business models that bring affordable, life-changing products and services to communities that have historically lacked access to global markets. Previous: Consumer Goods Multinational (Social Intrapreneur), Base of the Pyramid Strategy and Business Development, Sustainable Enterprise Strategy, Social Enterprise	
Professional Experience	I have spent twenty years in the field of emerging markets sustainable enterprise development in Africa and Asia, primarily focused on connecting low-income producers and consumers to global markets, products and services. I have earned an MBA and an MS from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and School of Natural Resources & Environment. I co-authored the "Jaipur Rugs" case study that was published in the 5th Anniversary edition of C.K. Prahalad's groundbreaking book, <i>The Fortune At The Bottom of the Pyramid</i> . I have also co-authored <i>Hybrid Organizations: New Models for Environmental Leadership</i> (Greenleaf Publishing, 2009).	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA fundamentally shaped my professional career as it was my first experience working within a social enterprise that was/is committed to using business tools to create positive social/economic change. I've built my career on these interests ever since.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Open to different options, depending on the circumstances. I can't commit to monthly calls but perhaps quarterly if there is a desire for an ongoing relationship.	
Contact information	nina.henning@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Skype, FaceTime, WhatsApp	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The life-changing opportunity it gave to me, and the community of amazing people I've met through this shared experience.	




Name	Elizabeth Hollingsworth	
PiA Year	2009	
PiA Country/Region	Vietnam	
PiA Host Institution	Can Tho University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Brooklyn, NY	
Current professional industry	Nonprofit management, Development/Institutional Giving and Partnerships	
Professional Experience	After PiA, I completed a dual degree master's program through Columbia and LSE in International and World History. I then worked as the Career and Education Director at Hope for Justice in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where I managed an educational and job-preparation program for adolescent survivors of sex trafficking. Upon returning to the U.S., I became Grants Coordinator at Girls Educational and Mentoring Services, a NYC-based nonprofit that provides support services for girls and young women who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking. I then transitioned to working in institutional giving at The Door, University Settlement, and Broome Street Academy, a family of nonprofits, where I focused on youth development and a range of social services, including programming related to housing, runaway and homeless youth, eviction prevention, and older adults. I am now serving as the Director of Institutional Giving at University Settlement, a large human services nonprofit with a range of programming for New Yorkers of all ages across Manhattan and Brooklyn.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/elizabeth-hollingsworth-3496571a/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA profoundly impacted my professional trajectory by opening my eyes to how expansive my career path could be. I will never forget the former PiA Executive Director, saying at my PiA info session, "linearity is overrated." This maxim, epitomized by the PiA experience, has persisted as a driving philosophy in my life. PiA also instilled in me a commitment to social justice and international education.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, discuss career objectives, one-time informational interview, share experiences of re-entry back to U.S., share industry insights	
Contact information	hollingsworthelizabeth@gmail.com Skype ID: elizabeth_hollingsworth	
Preferred mode of contact	Email or Skype	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The people I met!	




Name	Hermes Huang	
PiA Year	2012, 2013	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand, Nepal	
PiA Host Institution	Khon Kaen University, International Union for Conservation of Nature	
PiA Post Type	Teaching, NGO	
Current Location	Bangkok, Thailand	
Current professional industry	Strategy Consulting & Research, Professional Training & Coaching, International Development, Start-up Incubation, Design + Innovation + Leadership	
Professional Experience	I've spent the last few years doing professional training and facilitation around design thinking methodologies with international development agencies, private corporations, and individual entrepreneurs.	
LinkedIn	https://www.Linkedin.com/in/htkhuang/	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Happy to chat, share resources and advice, talk about opportunities in Asia, etc.	
Contact information	hermes@insightpact.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email me with three preferred times (Bangkok time) in the 2 weeks following the email date.	




Name	Ramie Jacobson	
PiA Year	2013-2015	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	Affiliated High School to South China Normal University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Changshu, China	
Current professional industry	Education (K-12 & Higher Ed), College Counseling	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nine years of full-time professional experience across high school, undergraduate, and graduate education.• Passionate about cross-cultural exchanges having worked in international education in China, Italy, Colombia, and the USA.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/ramie-jacobson-52591428/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Not only did it provide my first two years of professional teaching experience and credentials, PiA set me down a path to working in international education. Previously I had been Euro-centric (I was an Italian major in college) and had never been to any other continent. PiA motivated me to leave my comfort zone to come to Asia, and afterwards I moved to South America for similar reasons. Five years after PiA I enrolled in my Ed.M degree in Higher Education, and then returned to China to work at an international school. I doubt I would have done those things were it not for PiA.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Open to all options	
Contact information	ramiejacobson@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set up a Skype call.	




Name	Darren C. Joe	
PiA Year	2002	
PiA Country/Region	Singapore	
PiA Host Institution	Ngee Ann Polytechnic	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	
Current professional industry	Podcasting, Business Education, MBA Admissions, Small Business & Solopreneurship	
Professional Experience	<p>After PiA, I worked as an analyst for an energy shipping company (BW Shipping) and a large scientific publishing company (Elsevier) and then as the Manager of Marketing & Admissions for Singapore Management University's MBA program.</p> <p>In between and after those “corporate roles” I have spent 10+ years starting my own businesses. Currently, I run Touch MBA, a website that helps applicants find and get into top-ranked MBA programs worldwide.</p> <p>I love podcasts and currently host two: 1) The Touch MBA Admissions Podcast and 2) ASE, which explores entrepreneurial well-being and doing your best work.</p> <p>I also blog at upstartist.tv.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/darrencjoe/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA launched my career in Asia. I only expected to work in Singapore for 1 year, and since PiA have spent nearly 20 years in Singapore, China, Taiwan and now Vietnam. More importantly, PiA gave me lifelong friends and mentors, and opened my mind to new ways of living and being.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	<p>Conversation topics could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MBA and Business Master's Degree guidance• Working independently as a freelancer, consultant or solopreneur• Podcasting• Career transitions	
Contact information	darren.joe@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email me to set up a 30-minute Skype call.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Unforgettable travels with other PiA Fellows.	




Name	Jibran Khan	
PiA Year	2012	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Nollen Group	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	New York, New York	
Current professional industry	Real estate	
Professional Experience	As of Fall 2019, I am based in New York working for Tishman Speyer, a multinational real estate development and investment firm, as an Associate in their Leadership Development Program. I currently sit on our PropTech & Ventures team, assessing new real estate technologies and how they can be integrated into Tishman Speyer's vertically-integrated platform. Prior to this I pursued my graduate studies at Penn, completing both a Real Estate-focused MBA from the Wharton School alongside a MSc in Urban Spatial Analytics from PennDesign. While in school I interned with several real estate and urban development companies including Alphabet's Sidewalk Labs, Southeast-based developer Crescent Communities, and Malaysia-based brokerage firm IQI Global. Before my graduate studies, I worked in Business Development/Strategy/Growth roles in travel/hospitality (HotelTonight in San Francisco, recently acquired by Airbnb) and clean energy (Stion Corporation in San Jose, backed by Khosla Ventures).	
LinkedIn	http://www.linkedin.com/in/khanjibran/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	It sparked my interest in clean energy and gave me my first foray into business development, my first experience working on a small, nimble team wearing multiple hats, and most importantly, PiA has given me an incredible lifelong group of friends and mentors!	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Happy to schedule a 30-min phone call to provide advice on career navigation, particularly related to real estate, proptech, urban innovation.	
Contact information	jibran.n.khan@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email	




Name	Manav Khurana	
PiA Year	2015, 2016	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	Dalian University of Technology (DUT)	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	San Francisco, CA	
Current professional industry	Technology (previously Investment Banking and Private Equity)	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Xero, Inc. (present)- Dropbox, Inc. (2019-2021)- Evernote Corporation (2018-2019)- Cisco Systems, Inc. (2017)- Ladder Capital, New York, NY (2014-2015)- Barclays PLC, New York, NY (2012-2014)	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA helped me get into business school and has provided an incredible amount of diversity both professionally and personally. International experience is always heavily valued professionally, and I always make sure to talk about my experience living in China during my interviews - employers love it!	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship or one-time help... I'm really happy to help wherever I can! If you need help with applying to graduate schools or jobs or making a decision on what to pursue next or just resume/cover letter help. I've been through graduate school, switched industries, switched roles, and moved across the country, so I can help with whatever you are looking for!	
Contact information	manavkhurana1@gmail.com 908-463-4465	
Preferred mode of contact	Phone calls, Facetime, in-person meetings (emails and texts are less personal, in my opinion)	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Community bond and network that exists throughout Asia and the U.S.	




Name	Katherine Klaric	
PiA Year	2015	
PiA Country/Region	Cambodia	
PiA Host Institution	AIP Foundation	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	Washington, D.C.	
Current professional industry	Foreign Policy; International Development; Human Rights; Project Management	
Professional Experience	I work in the State Department’s Office of Foreign Assistance, overseeing aid budgets for Afghanistan, Central Asia, and the Western Balkans. Previously, at the British Embassy in Washington D.C., I served as a policy advisor for international development and human rights. During PiA, I worked at a small public health NGO in Cambodia, supporting a USAID Development Innovation Ventures grant. Prior to PiA, I worked in Bosnia at the OSCE as well as a local community development NGO.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/katherineklaric/	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Open to all forms of engagement.	
Contact information	katieklaric@gmail.com +1 (917) 853-6105	
Preferred mode of contact	Please reach out by email and then we can set up a call/coffee/video chat as preferred!	
Favorite aspect of PiA	One thing in particular I really love about PiA is having a community that shares a sense of service and adventure.	




Name	Amy Kohout	
PiA Year	2005	
PiA Country/Region	Lao PDR	
PiA Host Institution	IUCN - International Union for Conservation of Nature	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	Colorado Springs, CO	
Current professional industry	Higher Education; I'm a historian and professor	
Professional Experience	I'm currently an assistant professor of history at Colorado College. I study U.S. cultural and environmental history, and teach courses in environmental history, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the history of what is currently the U.S. West, U.S. empire, museum studies, and the history of natural history.	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Because of my experience working at IUCN-Lao PDR, when I went to grad school, I was interested in schools where I could also do a teaching field in SE Asian history; as result of my coursework, I found myself working on a project that looks at the work of U.S. soldiers in the U.S. West and the Philippines--specifically, the intersection of their ideas about nature and empire in the landscapes of their service. (Book forthcoming fall 2022!)	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Happy to be useful to anyone thinking about a career in academia -- can support folks who are thinking about grad school in history, or who want to talk about small liberal arts teaching, the academic job market, etc.	
Contact information	amy.kohout@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email me to schedule a time to connect!	
What was your favorite aspect of PiA?	My wonderful work colleagues and PiA roommates. And the FOOD!	



Name	Bilesh Hemant Ladva	
PiA Year	2011	
PiA Country/Region	Vietnam	
PiA Host Institution	Can Tho University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	
Current professional industry	Corporate Finance across SE Asia for B2C and B2B companies Finance Manager at Amazon	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global head of corporate finance, marketing company• Regional head of financial planning and analysis for an e-commerce company• Mainland SE Asia private equity investor• Founded Vietnam's first crowdfunding platform - Charity Map, through the generous support of the Carriebright!• English teacher and CTYEP program manager at the good old Can Tho University.	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Provided a springboard to Southeast Asia, where I have been based for seven years.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Career advice, especially if you are considering staying in Asia. Happy to mentor recent grads either in SE Asia or looking to transition there in finance or workplace roles.	
Contact information	Bladva1@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email to set up a Skype call. Please prepare a list of a few questions for a productive chat.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Meeting lots of amazing people and then meeting them again in random parts of the world.	



Name	Jenny Lah	
PiA Year	2007	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	China Foreign Affairs University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Los Angeles, CA	
Current professional industry	Philanthropy, consulting, strategy, international development	
Professional Experience	Jenny Lah has been an independent consultant to philanthropies and non-profits working in international development for six years. She supports strategy development, partnerships, and operational transitions. Her content expertise spans economic and social topics in international development, including data for development, gender and development, development finance, multilateral institutions, and governance. She previously worked at the Gates Foundation and the United States Treasury.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/jennylah/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Through PiA, I re-affirmed that I wanted to work on international issues.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Share experiences, information interview, open to something longer term if it makes sense.	
Contact information	Please email or text to schedule an initial call	
Preferred mode of contact	jennylah@gmail.com ; 213-200-4691	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Just the experience of living in China	




Name	Mariesa Lea	
PiA Year	2009	
PiA Country/Region	East Timor	
PiA Host Institution	Land O' Lakes International Development	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	Oakland, CA	
Current professional industry	Healthcare finance	
Professional Experience	Worked for Princeton in Asia, Princeton University Development Office, and currently working for Kaiser Permanente. Current Board Member of Princeton in Asia.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/mariesa-pockets-lea-976551116/	
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	In EVERY possible way! I love PiA.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Phone call or coffee would be great.	
Contact information	mariesa.p.lea@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email me to set up a 30-minute call.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The people, food and lessons learned.	




Name	Will Leahy	
PiA Year	Summer 2002 / Full Year 2004	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	Economic Intelligence Unit / Coudert Brothers	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Washington, D.C.	
Current professional industry	International trade attorney focusing on telecommunications and technology	
Professional Experience	<p>International trade attorney with experience solving complex international legal and policy problems.</p> <p>Counsels clients in a variety of industries—including telecommunications, technology, aerospace, and financial services—on compliance with U.S. export control laws, sanctions regimes, and foreign investment laws.</p> <p>Advises clients on international trade policy, with a focus on data privacy, digital trade, and intellectual property.</p> <p>Written extensively about U.S.-China trade and investment issues, with work appearing in the Economist Intelligence Unit, the China Business Review, and the Boao Review, among other publications.</p> <p>Active pro bono practice focused in large part on assisting veterans gain access to healthcare and disability benefits.</p> <p>Member of the Princeton in Asia Board of Trustees.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/will-leahy-959b8b11/	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Happy to help in any capacity.	
Contact information	301-651-4709 will.leahy@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email and phone calls.	

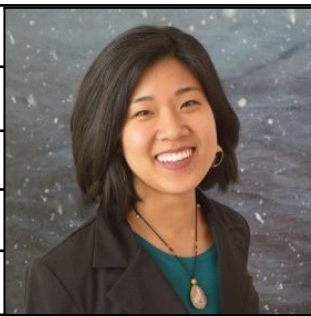


Name	Autumn Lewien	
PiA Year	2018, 2019	
PiA Country/Region	Myanmar	
PiA Host Institution	Vriens & Partners	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Wisconsin	
Current professional industry	Research, Academia, Data	
Professional Experience	<p>Autumn Lewien is a Senior Research Associate with the Bridging Divides Initiative. She most recently served as a Senior Government Relations Analyst and Princeton in Asia Fellow at Vriens & Partners in Burma, working on policy issues in Burma’s energy, healthcare, and tech sectors.</p> <p>Prior to this, Autumn was a Program Associate and Participant Manager at Halifax International Security Forum, an independent think tank based in Washington, D.C. In this position, she worked on a wide range of international security issues, including those related to technology and cybersecurity, resource management, and the impact of conflict on governance and economic stability.</p> <p>Autumn has also worked as a political and public policy staff writer for Ballotpedia, a U.S.-focused political media organization, as a data consultant for a San Francisco-based consulting company, and as a research assistant for the Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC).</p> <p>Autumn graduated from Princeton University in 2015 with a bachelor’s degree in comparative politics.</p>	
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	PiA helped me establish a professional network that I have been able to use to get my current job; provided me with private sector experience in a country and sector that would normally be hard to break into.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I would be open to establishing an ongoing relationship (e.g., informal and frequent conversations via Zoom, WhatsApp, or email). Am also open to one-time conversations. Additionally, if possible, I would love to meet in-person for either career conversations and/or having a person to attend networking events with.	
Contact information	autlewie@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Initial contact via email; after introduction, I would prefer to be in contact via Zoom or WhatsApp.	

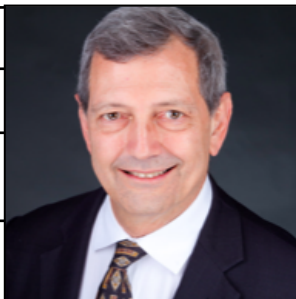


Name	Brooke Lewy	
PiA Year	2004	
PiA Country/Region	Vietnam	
PiA Host Institution	Vietnam News	
PiA Post Type	Journalism/Media	
Current Location	San Francisco	
Current professional industry	Chef/Writer	
Professional Experience	Magazine Journalism at Conde Nast, U.S. Fund for UNICEF, MIA from Columbia School of International and Public Affairs	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Open to all engagement	
Contact information	Brooke.Lewy@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email or email to set up a phone call/zoom	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Being able to spend a year abroad with the structure and relationships of PiA already in place.	



Name	Judy Li	
PiA Year	2014	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	Natural Resources Defense Council	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	Chicago, IL	
Current professional industry	Energy, Environment, Sustainability, Venture Capital	
Professional Experience	I lead new investments into early-stage cleantech startups, support companies we have already invested in through their scale-up journey, and oversee platform initiatives at Energy Foundry, a cleantech venture fund based in Chicago. Being on a small team, I have a hand in almost everything the firm does and focus on driving investments from first pitch through diligence to close. Prior to Energy Foundry, I conducted over a hundred energy efficiency assessments and sold dozens of retrofitting projects for a local startup, Verde Sustainable Solutions.	
LinkedIn	https://www.Linkedin.com/in/judyli72/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	It gave me more perspective on how environmental work is done in China, the different players, and more clarity around what experiences and skills I wanted to learn and contribute to the near term and in the long term. It opened the door to working in China (and I haven't closed it), but I decided to step away for now.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I would like to help others in the environmental field figure out what they may be interested in trying after their PiA fellowships finish. I am happy to provide advice based on my own experiences and connect them with other professionals in the field. I am also happy to talk to others who recently finished their fellowships and are looking to establish a new community in Chicago.	
Contact information	judyli72@gmail.com (858) 740-8725	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set up a call or video chat.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The community of other awesome people! The chance to explore my professional interests in an Asian environment/context and to get to know Asia on a deeper level.	




Name	Stephen Markscheid	
PiA Affiliation	PiA Board of Trustees	
Current Location	Based in Chicago, IL with frequent trips to China	
Current professional industry	China, Cleantech, Fintech, Renewable Energy	
Professional Experience	I am a venture partner at DealGlobe, a Shanghai-based investment bank. I serve as an independent non-executive director of Fanhua Inc., Jinko Solar Inc., Ener-Core Inc., ZZ Capital International Ltd., and Hexindai. From 1998-2006, I worked for GE Capital. During my time with GE, I led GE Capital's business development activities in China and Asia Pacific, primarily acquisitions and direct investments. Prior to GE, I worked with the Boston Consulting Group throughout Asia. I was a commercial banker for ten years in London, Chicago, New York, Hong Kong, and Beijing with Chase Manhattan Bank and First National Bank of Chicago. I began my career with the U.S.-China Business Council, in Washington D.C. and Beijing. I earned a BA in East Asian Studies from Princeton University in 1976, an MA in international affairs from Johns Hopkins University in 1980, and an MBA from Columbia University in 1991.	
LinkedIn	https://www.LinkedIn.com/in/stephenmarkscheid/	
Website	http://stephenmarkscheid.com/	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Whatever suits you.	
Contact information	smarkscheid@gmail.com (+1) 312-376-7888 (+86) 1362-108-7140 (+852) 5480-6345 Skype: maxueli1 微信: stevem797	
Preferred mode of contact	Skype, WhatsApp, WeChat, Email, Phone	




Name	Amanda McDonald Meyer
PiA Year	2009
PiA Country/Region	China
PiA Host Institution	Teach for China
PiA Post Type	Teaching
Current Location	Arlington, VA
Current professional industry	Teaching
Professional Experience	<p>Experienced Elementary Educator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Taught in China, Japan, Ecuador, and various states in the United States for 10+ years- Completed a Fulbright Scholarship to Ecuador- Taught in public schools and international schools- Masters in Bilingual/Bicultural Education from Teachers College, Columbia University- Currently a Reading Specialist in Arlington, VA
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	PiA gave me a chance to try out teaching, something I wasn't sure I wanted to do long-term and did not go to school for. I ended up loving the profession and pursued my Masters in Bilingual and Bicultural Education.
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship; one-time informational interview; resume/cover letter review; interview prep
Contact information	mandamcdo@gmail.com
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set up a video call



Name	Colleen Morris	
PiA Year	2018	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Khon Kaen University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Washington, D.C.	
Current professional industry	Medical school + public health research	
Professional Experience	After PiA, I spent two years working as a Research Associate in Social Epidemiology at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. I worked on projects examining the impacts of structural racism, neighborhood environments, and other social determinants of health on marginalized communities in the U.S. I'm now a medical student at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where I'm involved in various projects related to health equity and pediatrics.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/colleen-morris-954844172/	
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	Too many ways to count/list here, but the support I received from my program directors, my experience working with medical students in Thailand, and the guidance I received from alumni mentors especially were instrumental in getting me to where I am today.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Informational interview; discuss career objectives/transitions; help with applying to medical school (application review, etc.)	
Contact information	colleenmorris09@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email to set up 15-20 min Zoom/Skype	
Favorite aspect of PiA	My students! And getting to eat Thai food every day.	




Name	Jon Nuger	
PiA Year	2004	
PiA Country/Region	Vietnam	
PiA Host Institution	Kien Giang Community College	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Boston, MA	
Current professional industry	Private Equity	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bain & Company (management consulting)- Gold Gate Capital (private equity)- Metaweb (tech start-up)- Berkshire Partners (private equity) - Princeton, AB (2004) – History major, Finance minor- Harvard, MBA (2012)	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Informational interviews- Discuss career objectives- Share industry insights	
Contact information	jnuger@berkshirepartners.com or jnuger@gmail.com 415-568-0371 (cell)	
Preferred mode of contact	Email and phone calls	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Being completely removed from “the track” that so many college students get on when they enter the professional world. It was so valuable to have some time to remove myself and reflect.	



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Alumni & Friends

PiA Alumni Mentor Directory

Name	Meghan O'Hern	
PiA Year	2015	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	CMRCA	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Santa Monica, CA	
Current professional industry	Strategy, Technology	
Professional Experience	With a background in systems engineering, Meghan is currently helping customers derive insight from data at Google.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, available for ad-hoc advising as needed.	
Contact information	meghanohern@gmail.com (301) 633-7844	
Preferred mode of contact	Available for Skype and phone calls.	

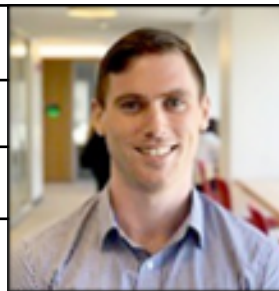


Name	Hiromi Oka	
PiA Year	2017-2019	
PiA Country/Region	Philippines	
PiA Host Institution	Vriens & Partners	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Austin, TX	
Current professional industry	Legal	
Professional Experience	<p>Hiromi is a government affairs and legal professional with experience in Southeast Asia and the U.S. She was the Secretariat Director for the Asia Cloud Computing Association and a manager with Access Partnership, an international public policy and government relations firm focused on the technology sector. Prior to this, she was an analyst for the Philippines office of Vriens & Partners, where she helped clients understand the Philippine political landscape and advised them on technology policy and government engagement strategy. Hiromi has also worked in legal affairs at Tiffany & Co.</p> <p>Hiromi received her bachelor's degree in International Politics, magna cum laude, and certificate in Asian Studies from Georgetown University. She is currently a J.D. candidate at the University of Texas School of Law.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/hiromioka/	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, one-time informational interview, discuss career objectives/transitions, share industry insights, resume/cover letter review, interview Prep, share experiences of re-entry back to the U.S.	
Contact information	hoka93@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set up a 15-20 minute Zoom call.	




Name	Mathew O'Sullivan	
PiA Year	2012	
PiA Country/Region	Mongolia	
PiA Host Institution	XacBank	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Washington, D.C.	
Current professional industry	Infrastructure, Finance, Technology	
Professional Experience	<p>~10 years of experience in infrastructure finance and startups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clean energy lending at XacBank- Early team member at CrossBoundary - mission-driven investment and advisory firm. Grew business to ~50 employees, advised on off-grid investments, helped to launch solar fund- Citi - Industrials investment banking. M&A and financing, primarily in mobility, energy, and transportation infrastructure.- Early team member at Cavnue - Infrastructure technology company backed by Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners. Building enabling road infrastructure for autonomous vehicles.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/mathewosullivan/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	I discovered a passion for infrastructure finance and sustainability. I owe the course of my career to PiA.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, share industry insights, discuss career objectives/transitions. Not as interested in one-off interactions (e.g., resume review, interview prep).	
Contact information	osullivan.mathew@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Happy to do monthly video calls - can arrange by email	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Exploring the Mongolian countryside with a great group of friends.	




Name	Derek Porter	
PiA Year	2012	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	Jishou Teachers College	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Chicago, IL	
Current professional industry	Management Consulting	
Professional Experience	Senior Manager at Bain. I've been at the firm since 2013 and have spent the past year focusing on Healthcare Private Equity.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/derek-porter-9628ab84/	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	One-time informational interview with potential for ongoing relationships. Interview prep and experience sharing.	
Contact information	dgporter133@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email / LinkedIn to arrange discussions. Phone calls or Zoom.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Getting outside your comfort zone, saying 'yes' to new experiences, and experiencing new cultures.	




Name	Felicia Pullam	
PiA Year	2000	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	Affiliated Middle School of South China Normal University, Guangzhou	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Glen Burnie, MD	
Current professional industry	Government	
Professional Experience	<p>Felicia Pullam is the Regional Manager for Asia for the Maryland Department of Commerce, where she assists East and Southeast Asian companies to establish or expand their businesses in the United States. She also helps Maryland companies expand exports and find partners overseas. Before joining the Maryland team, Felicia was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles, Consumer Goods, and Materials at the U.S. Department of Commerce. She also served as the Director of Outreach and Communications for SelectUSA, the federal program to promote foreign direct investment (FDI) into the United States. Prior to her federal service, Felicia helped lead trade and investment for the State of Delaware, after spending nearly a decade in Asia managing APCO Worldwide's China and Asia Regional Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability practices. Felicia got her start in international affairs in 2000 through the Princeton in Asia program in Guangzhou, followed by a yearlong adventure as tutor and translator for Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/feliciapullam/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	<p>PiA enabled me to go to China - something I hadn't really thought possible. I came from a small, lower middle-class town and the idea of just going to a foreign country on my own to work was not really something that had even crossed my mind as a possibility. I stayed for nine years, and the course of my life flowed from there.</p>	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	<p>One-time informational interview; Discuss career objectives/transitions; Share industry insights; Share experiences of re-entry back to the U.S.</p>	
Contact information	fpullam@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set up a video call.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The continuing community.	




Name	Maxwell Robinson	
PiA Year	2008	
PiA Country/Region	Vietnam	
PiA Host Institution	Tractus Asia	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Singapore	
Current professional industry	Venture building	
Professional Experience	After PiA, Maxwell started his professional career as a teacher at The Bishop's School in California. He then moved to Asia and worked in various positions focusing on management consulting, private equity, finance, and corporate development. He currently works for a venture studio called K5054 Enterprises.	
LinkedIn	https://www.LinkedIn.com/in/maxwell-robinson-a08a944/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Brought me to Asia (I'm still here!) and was my first role in business.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Happy to help in any capacity.	
Contact information	maxwell.robinson@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Zoom	




Name	Marshall Roslyn	
PiA Year	2002	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	Coudert Brothers	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	Singapore	
Current professional industry	Education Technology	
Professional Experience	Marshall Roslyn is the CFO & Chief Strategy Officer at LingoAce, a Singapore-headquartered global education technology company and the world's leading Mandarin Chinese language learning platform. Previously, Marshall spent a number of years as a member of the Technology, Media and Telecom investment banking team at Goldman Sachs both in Silicon Valley and Hong Kong, where he led Education Technology & Services coverage across Asia. Marshall did his undergraduate studies at Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs and earned his MBA from Tsinghua University.	
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	PiA played an instrumental role in helping me further explore my interest in China and Asia more broadly.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Would prefer to begin with an initial intro discussion and then tailor as appropriate depending on fit.	
Contact information	marshall.roslyn@gmail.com +65 8866 3095	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email me to set up an intro call. We can take it from there.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	I am grateful for the opportunity PiA provided me to launch my career in Asia.	




Name	Ayanna Runcie	
PiA Year	2015-2016	
PiA Country/Region	Cambodia	
PiA Host Institution	Phnom Penh Post	
PiA Post Type	Journalism/Media	
Current Location	New York, NY	
Current professional industry	Broadcast News	
Professional Experience	News producer at MSNBC, previously a producer at CBS News.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/ayanna-runcie-90399b40/	
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	Immensely! It laid the foundation for the journalist, critical thinker, problem solver and creative I am today.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	On-going relationship, advice for navigating the international space and transitioning back to the U.S. Anything you need help with, really!	
Contact information	personal: 773-315-7056 work: 917-864-6354	
Preferred mode of contact	Text me: 773-315-7056 (I get too many emails and don't want you to get lost in the sauce!)	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Cultural Immersion	




Name	Brent Scharschmidt	
PiA Year	2005	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Payap University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	San Rafael, CA	
Current professional industry	Physician, Internal Medicine	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching in Chiang Mai, Thailand• Global health work (vaccination and malnutrition programs) in Mae Sot, Thailand• Currently a physician for Kaiser Permanente in San Rafael, CA	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	My time at PiA was hugely influential in shaping my future career goals, especially my Carriebright fellowship doing global health work.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy to support returning Fellows in any way they need - grab a drink to discuss the difficulty of re-entry, talk over career interests, balancing global health work with a career in the U.S. - not just in medicine but in other fields• Happy to help with med school application process or talk over potential careers in medicine• Can meet up with anyone moving to the Bay Area - where to live, culture, etc.	
Contact information	bscharschmidt@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set up a call or video chat	
Favorite aspect of PiA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The camaraderie of having a common experience with all others who spend a year or more in Asia• The ongoing benefits of having spent three years living with people from a totally different culture• Knowing another language and culture well enough to have it continue to influence my life	



Name	Hugh Schuckman	
PiA Year	1999	
PiA Country/Region	Japan	
PiA Host Institution	Seishin Gakuen	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	South Korea	
Current professional industry	Professor, University of Utah Asia Campus	
Professional Experience	<p>Hugh Schuckman serves as the Asia Campus Chair for the Writing & Rhetoric Department, Director of the UAC Writing Center, and Coordinator for the Undergraduate Studies Classes. He earned an MA at Columbia University, New York City in the field of Buddhist Studies and later completed a Masters of Theological Studies at Harvard University. Having taught in a variety of countries (Japan, S. Korea, and Mongolia), he focused on education at UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and received a Ph.D. in International and Comparative Education. Before joining the faculty at University of Utah, Professor Schuckman taught research writing at Prince Sultan University (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia) and Korea Development Institute of Public Policy and Management (Seoul, Korea). He currently teaches classes in the departments of Religious Studies, Writing and Rhetoric Studies, Education, and Undergraduate Studies at the Utah Asia Campus. In his free time, Professor Schuckman loves to travel and explore new countries with his wife and daughter. His other passion is yoga; he trained to become a yoga teacher in Rishikesh, India, and teaches yoga classes in Songdo.</p>	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA helped give me the confidence to pursue my career in teaching in Asia and the Middle East.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I wouldn't mind answering questions over email.	
Contact information	hugh.schuckman@utah.edu	
Preferred mode of contact	Email	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The embedded autonomy was the best aspect of PiA as an organization. I felt supported, but not overly structured by the program.	




Name	Ben Shell	
PiA Years	2005, 2006	
PiA Countries	Thailand, Mongolia	
PiA Host Institutions	Khon Kaen University, XacBank	
PiA Post Types	Teaching, Business	
Current Location	Oakland, CA	
Current professional industry	Energy / Renewables	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Worked in microfinance for a total of six years, including three with a small non-profit that does new product introduction consulting for financial institutions, and three months with a start-up lending institution in Urumqi, China- 2.5 years as Co-Founder of rural electrification business in Haiti- 3 years as a Product Manager (and formerly Program Manager) for SunPower, solar company in the San Francisco Bay area- Currently Product Manager for Rivian in Energy products	
LinkedIn	http://www.Linkedin.com/in/shellbenjamin	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA launched my career in microfinance. My three years in Asia right after college shaped who I am.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Happy to share experiences of re-entry back to the U.S.- Discuss career objectives, transitions- Review CVs- Share industry insights in renewable energy, rural electrification, social business in developing country contexts	
Contact information	benjamin.c.shell@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email me to set up a call or video chat.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The stories and the Fellows whose sense of service, hankering for adventure, openness and appreciation for the sublime create them.	



Name	Elena Sheppard	
PiA Year	2010, 2011	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Payap University, Keen Media	
PiA Post Type	Teaching, Media	
Current Location	New York, NY	
Current professional industry	I am a writer and an editor, and I work in journalism.	
Professional Experience	I am a freelance writer and editor writing articles, op-eds, profiles, and essays on a variety of topics spanning the words of culture and politics. I also copy-edit and do structural editing for hire, as well as hosting on-camera interviews. I recently received an MFA in non-fiction writing at Columbia University. I previously served as the Wellness Editor at Yahoo, was the Culture Editor at HelloGiggles and, prior to that, the founding Arts & Entertainment Editor at Mic. My writing has appeared in The New York Times, The New Yorker, Vogue, and The Los Angeles Review of Books among many other print publications and websites.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I'm happy to chat with anyone considering a job in journalism or writing. Editorial is a very weird world, and I know how hard it can be to navigate, particularly when you're fresh from PiA.	
Contact information	elena.sheppard@gmail.com (917) 836-0460	
Preferred mode of contact	Email is best.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The people I met, the places I saw, and realizing how self-sufficient and independently I really am.	

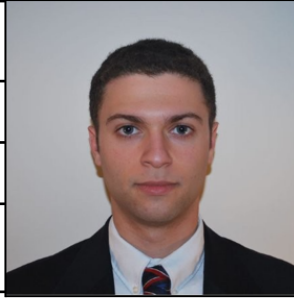


Name	Simon Shieh	
PiA Year	2015-17	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	China Foreign Affairs University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Washington, D.C.	
Current professional industry	Teacher	
Professional Experience	Simon Shieh is a poet, writer, and educator. He was awarded a 2021 Ruth Lilly and Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Fellowship by the Poetry Foundation, was featured in Best New Poets 2020, and was shortlisted for a Young China Watcher of the Year award for his work as the co-founder of the Spittoon Literary Magazine, which translates the best contemporary Chinese writers into English. Simon currently works as a high school English teacher in Falls Church, Virginia.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/simon-shieh/	
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	PiA gave me the much-needed opportunity to explore my interests after college. Without the time and stimulation the fellowship offered me, I might never have pursued poetry and writing to the extent that I did. My two years with PiA really helped me follow the path I did, and I'm very grateful for that.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I'd be interested in speaking with PiA fellows who are interested in creative writing and/or teaching in the form of a one-time interview with the possibility of an on-going relationship.	
Contact information	simons462@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email me to set up a call.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Difficult to say, but it was an extremely formative two years for me.	




Name	Clayton Shuttleworth
PiA Year	2016, 2017
PiA Country/Region	Thailand
PiA Host Institution	Payap University
PiA Post Type	Teaching
Current Location	Chiang Mai, Thailand
Current professional industry	Teaching, Translation
Professional Experience	I have taught English for the past five years in Thailand, 2 years at Payap University and 3 years at the Language Institute of Chiang Mai University. I have also done translation and interpretation work (Thai/English) for the past couple years.
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	I'm in Thailand because of PiA! Literally everything that I do professionally today, I do because PiA chose to send me to Chiang Mai.
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I am happy to help in any way that I can.
Contact information	Phone number: +66 096-654-7833 Email: claytonshuttle@gmail.com
Preferred mode of contact	Emails, WhatsApp, Facetime, Skype. I can make anything work.
Favorite aspect of PiA	The community-centered philosophy. (The little 'i'.)



Name	Stephen Stolzenberg	
PiA Year	2013, 2014	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Deebuk School, Prince Royal's College	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Jersey City, NJ	
Current professional industry	Start-ups / Finance	
Professional Experience	Startup enthusiast. Four years post-PIA in food delivery and fintech operations and strategy, Yale MBA, current associate at PE growth fund.	
LinkedIn	https://www.Linkedin.com/in/stephen-stolzenberg-24262475/	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Open to all forms of engagement.	
Contact information	srstolzenberg@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email is a good way to reach me.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	One thing I really love about PiA is having a community that shares a sense of service and adventure.	



Name	Molly Stoneman	
PiA Year	2019-2020	
PiA Country/Region	Vietnam	
PiA Host Institution	AIP Foundation	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	
Current professional industry	NGO, International Development, Management Consulting, Freelance Writing	
Professional Experience	<p>I currently work with AIP Foundation -- connected through PiA! -- in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. As Strategic Impact & Communications Advisor, I support specialty projects in fundraising, international development, strategic relationships, social innovation, and public communications.</p> <p>Prior to AIP Foundation, I worked in Washington, D.C. for three years at Deloitte Consulting's Government & Public Sector Practice, advising senior leaders from government agencies and nonprofits. At Deloitte, my focus was on customer strategy and applied design, primarily working in human-centered design/user experience research.</p> <p>I earned my bachelor's degree in Public Policy and International Affairs from Princeton University in 2016.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/molly-stoneman/	
How did PiA support or shape your professional career?	Because of PiA, I plan to continue pursuing my professional career in Asia for the foreseeable future.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	All options - ongoing relationship, one-time informational interview, discuss career objectives/transitions, share industry insights, resume/cover letter review, interview prep, etc.	
Contact information	mollystoneman@gmail.com ; WhatsApp: +1 6023397009	
Preferred mode of contact	Email introductions to set up a virtual call would be ideal.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Total cultural immersion, awesome co-fellows (now friends), and FOOD, obviously.	




Name	Thomas Talhelm	
PiA Year	2007	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	South China Normal University Affiliated High School	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Chicago, IL	
Current professional industry	Professor of Behavioral Science, University of Chicago; Founder of Smart Air, social enterprise building low-cost air purifiers for people in polluted places	
Professional Experience	PhD in social psychology, University of Virginia Associate Professor of Behavioral Science, University of Chicago Booth School of Business Founder, Smart Air	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Career, Academia, Entrepreneurship, China	
Contact information	Thomas.Talhelm@ChicagoBooth.edu	
Preferred mode of contact	Email and Zoom	



Name	Sharon Volckhausen	
PiA Year	1991	
PiA Country/Region	South Korea	
PiA Host Institution	The Korea Herald	
PiA Post Type	Teaching, Media	
Current Location	New York, NY	
Current professional industry	Law	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- MA, University of Oxford (Modern History), 1993- JD, Georgetown University Law Center, 1996- Law Clerk to the Hon. Denny Chin, SDNY, 1996-1997- Associate, Simpson, Thatcher & Bartlett, 1997-2000- Assistant United States Attorney, EDNY, 2000-2004- President, Tiger Baron Foundation, 2005-present- Judicial Assistant, Hon. Denny Chin for the Circuit Court of Appeals, 2011- present- Chair of the Board of Trustees, Princeton in Asia, 2016-present	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	My time in Seoul taught me the importance of understanding and embracing cultural differences. And that the United States was not as important or central as one might believe growing up here. I also came to appreciate that an open mind is one of the most important traits for success.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	In any way helpful.	
Contact information	svolckhausen@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The friends I made and the food!	




Name	Katalyn Voss	
PiA Year	2011, 2012	
PiA Country/Region	Nepal	
PiA Host Institution	The Mountain Institute	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	Washington, D.C.	
Current professional industry	I currently work at the National Academy of Sciences as an Associate Program Officer with the Water Science and Technology Board. I previously served as an advisor to the U.S. Congress on science policy in the office of U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM). I received my Ph.D. from the Geography Department at UC Santa Barbara in 2019 where I researched water sourcing and timing in the Himalayas. Although my degree is very science-heavy, I worked with a variety of stakeholders in Nepal, ranging from NGOs to government agencies and international development groups, like USAID and UNDP.	
Professional Experience	<p>My experience is mainly at the intersection of science and policy within the realm of water resources. During my undergraduate degree, I worked at the World Resources Institute Aqueduct project, where I assisted in mapping global water risk in an interactive tool to be used by the private sector to inform sustainable growth and development.</p> <p>Prior to entering my Ph.D. program, I worked for 4 years as the UC Center for Hydrologic Modeling's Water Policy Fellow under Dr. Jay Famiglietti where I leveraged data of global water storage change from the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) satellite to inform management decisions ranging from groundwater monitoring in the Central Valley of California to a transboundary assessment of the Tigris-Euphrates river basin.</p> <p>From my time as a PiA Fellow, my work with the High Mountain Glacial Watershed Program (HMGWP) placed me as the liaison between the science and adaptation teams. My role was to communicate the scientific data in a clear and compelling way to make it usable for local communities, NGOs, and national government agencies in Nepal and Peru to better manage their water resources and reduce their exposure to natural hazards, such as glacial lake outburst floods.</p>	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA was fundamental in sparking my interest in the Himalayan region and provided a fantastic experience to work for The Mountain Institute to establish my connections and relationships in Nepal. The professional and personal contacts that I made during my PiA fellowship year continue to play a critical role in my Ph.D. research.	




How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I would be happy to engage with a mentee to provide perspectives on graduate school, assist in the development of fellowship/funding applications, as well as broader relationship-building and information/experience sharing for returning fellows interested in the intersection (and potential career paths) of science and policy.
Contact information	Cell: 949-350-8026 Email: katalynvoss@gmail.com
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set-up an initial Skype or phone call.
Favorite aspect of PiA	The PiA family was and continues to be my favorite aspect of PiA. Whenever I return to Nepal, I connect with the current Fellows in Nepal, and I remain very close friends with several Fellows from my PiA fellowship year!



Name	Alex Ward	
PiA Year	2015	
PiA Country/Region	Philippines	
PiA Host Institution	Hinrich Foundation	
PiA Post Type	NGO, Business	
Current Location	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	
Current professional industry	Ed Tech, Social Impact	
Professional Experience	Since 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 year starting up coffee shop, bar and lounge outside of my alma mater- 1 year PiA fellowship in Manila- 2.5 years regional (traveling) partnership development role with corporates & universities to bridge the skills gap in emerging Asia- 2.5 years based in Vietnam, developing/launching a new master's program and populating 98% of the program with candidates from corporate partnerships I developed- 2 years running a social enterprise I developed with my partner in Vietnam, focused on animal welfare, community engagement, and sustainability	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/alexander-p-ward/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Gave excellent footing and an expansive network that opened up opportunities for a timely career start in emerging Asia.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	On-going relationship + career objectives/transitions + industry insights	
Contact information	alexander.p.ward1@gmail.com +63 905 519 6894 (WhatsApp)	
Preferred mode of contact	30-45 min monthly video call via GoogleMeet	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Community	




Name	Katie White	
PiA Year	2012	
PiA Country/Region	Laos	
PiA Host Institution	WWF	
PiA Post Type	NGO	
Current Location	New York, NY	
Current professional industry	Wealth Management	
Professional Experience	<p>After returning from PiA, I worked in Boston for several years as an analyst at a family investment firm. I helped build the family's foundation, focused on education and healthcare initiatives, in addition to my role helping manage the for-profit investment portfolio.</p> <p>In 2018, I shifted gears and transitioned to a marketing startup in New York, managing customer operations, as well as several accounts.</p> <p>In 2020, I transitioned back into wealth management - this time at a New York-based firm with a strong focus on socially and environmentally responsible investing. In my current role I'm able to work with individuals, families, and non-profit institutions - taking time to understand their unique situations and help develop meaningful, impactful financial plans and investment strategies.</p>	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	<p>I could never have anticipated what awaited me when I returned from Laos. Staying humble in challenging situations, keeping a sense of humor when frustrating and unexpected things occurred, and always bearing in mind the importance of service have helped me tremendously in navigating life after PiA.</p>	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	<p>I'm open to informational interviews (one-time chats), helping talk through career objectives/transitions, providing honest industry insights from my years in financial services and tech (particularly on being female in these industries), and discussing the personal challenges of returning to life in the U.S. after time in Asia.</p>	
Contact information	katherinescottwhite@gmail.com 4138842609 (cell)	
Preferred mode of contact	Email and phone both work well.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	<p>The other fellows, my neighborhood, the Mekong river, my job at WWF, my WWF colleagues, amazing food (clearly cannot choose one).</p>	




Name	Ciaran Willis	
PiA Year	2015	
PiA Country/Region	Mongolia	
PiA Host Institution	University of Finance and Economics	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Portland, OR	
Current professional industry	Education	
Professional Experience	I've worked in schools, summer camps, outdoor education centers, and wilderness education programs. I bring experiential learning to leadership and environmental curriculums in and outside of traditional classrooms.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/ciaranwillis/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	My fellowship gave me the opportunity to design and implement a novel curriculum as a brand new teacher. I've brought those skills and initiative with me to all education work I've done in the future.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Any and all options.	
Contact information	ciaranwillis92@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email	
Favorite aspect of PiA	I loved being parachuted into a new life in a new context. The friends and community that I found over that year were sustaining, and it's just good for my brain to be in a new place.	




Name	Robert Woll	
PiA Year	1978-80	
PiA Country/Region	Taiwan	
PiA Host Institution	Tunghai University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Hong Kong	
Current professional industry	Legal	
Professional Experience	Lawyer qualified in NY, California, Hong Kong. Partner at Mayer Brown in HK, focusing on securities/capital markets generally, and currently on funds/investment management, including forming and advising growth equity, venture capital, private equity, real estate and infrastructure funds. Based in HK/Beijing since 1997. Managing partner of Morrison & Foerster's HK office (2000-2005); co-partner in charge of WilmerHale's Beijing office (2007-2013). Prior experience in credit, project finance, corporate/M&A, and FDI in China.	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/robert-woll-44062b/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA gave me the foundation for my entire career in Asia through immersion in Chinese language and culture.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Open to all options, except that an ongoing relationship will depend on other commitments at the time.	
Contact information	woll.robert@gmail.com ; mobile +852 6050 2801	
Preferred mode of contact	Please email to set up a 15-20 Zoom or WebEx call.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Studying Chinese at Middlebury (2 summers) and at the Mandarin centre at Tunghai. Engaging with students and colleagues at Tunghai.	




Name	Stephen Wong	
PiA Year	2014	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	YK Pao School	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Washington, D.C.	
Current professional industry	Tech, sustainability-focused tech	
Professional Experience	Political Campaigns, Tech	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/stephen-p-wong/	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Ongoing relationship, one-time informational interview, discuss career objectives/transitions, share industry insights, resume/cover letter review, interview prep, share experiences of re-entry back to the U.S., introduction to contacts/network growth	
Contact information	stephenp.wong1@gmail.com , 202-492-9591	
Preferred mode of contact	Trading emails, phone/video calls etc.	
Favorite aspect of PiA	Seeing the world as an expat and interacting closely with people with different backgrounds and experiences than my own--including other PiAers and local friends/colleagues!	




Name	Philip Witte	
PiA Year	1979	
PiA Country/Region	Thailand	
PiA Host Institution	Prasarnmit	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Piedmont, CA	
Current professional industry	Freelance cartoonist, formerly litigation lawyer	
Professional Experience	I was a business litigation lawyer in private practice for 33 years. I was a part-time cartoonist. Now I'm basically a full-time cartoonist (work has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, Barron's, Reader's Digest, and many other publications in the U.S. and U.K.).	
Website	http://www.philwitte.com/cartoons	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	I'm happy to talk to anyone and help with whatever I can.	
Contact information	philwitte1@gmail.com 510-336-1919	
Preferred mode of contact	Email or phone	
Favorite aspect of PiA	The students and teachers and traveling throughout Asia.	



Name	Jessie Yu	
PiA Year	2009	
PiA Country/Region	Hong Kong	
PiA Host Institution	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	
PiA Post Type	Business	
Current Location	San Francisco, CA	
Current professional industry	Finance / Technology	
Professional Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CEO in a SaaS company- Operating Executive of a private equity company- Director of Strategy in fintech company- Startup Co-Founder and owner in natural food company- General management experience- Investment banking / Finance	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	PiA gave me the opportunity to experience what it was like to work in Asia and China. I was considering a career move at that time to Asia with my bilingual / bi-cultural background, and options between law / business and graduate schools.	
How would you like to engage with a mentee?	Happy to help in any capacity as long as time commitment initially can be kept to 2 hours a month.	
Contact information	hanjieyu@gmail.com	
Preferred mode of contact	Email to set up a time for a call	
Favorite aspect of PiA	My fellow PiAers	



Name	Manuela Zoninsein	
PiA Year	2008	
PiA Country/Region	China	
PiA Host Institution	China Foreign Affairs University	
PiA Post Type	Teaching	
Current Location	Chicago, IL	
Current professional industry	business, software, Big Data, tech, analytics, data science, programming, engineering	
Professional Experience	<p>Brazilian-American passionate about accelerating change in some of the world's most fundamental industries and most relevant companies. At Kadeya, the third company where I'm the CEO & Founder, we deliver convenient, quality water without waste. Think of us as the Citi Bike of water bottles, focused on offices and other campuses. We envision a future where single-use beverage containers are no longer needed.</p> <p>I work at Palantir, where I focus on business development in Emerging Markets and have spearheaded projects in Asia and Latin America. I am also on the Operating Board of C4Q, a non-profit, which believes that people from every community and background should have the opportunity to learn to code, gain jobs in tech, and create companies of the future. Prior to that, I co-founded and led AgVali, a marketplace for agricultural inputs servicing small-scale Brazilian farmers and distributors</p> <p>My passion for agriculture began on the commodities floor of the Chicago Board of Trade when I was 18 and drove 15 years' work on Brazil, China, and U.S. trade. I moved to Beijing with a Princeton-in-Asia Fellowship in 2007, when I began reporting for Newsweek, Engineering News-Record, and as dining editor of the food section of Time Out Beijing, before deciding to focus on agriculture.</p> <p>I launched Smart Agriculture Analytics, a market intelligence firm focused on the agritech opportunity in China, from my dorm room at Tsinghua University in Beijing. After selling those business assets, I launched InstaAgro in São Paulo, Brazil, which is now the largest online marketplace for smallholder farmers in my native country.</p> <p>I have a BA from Harvard, and MSc from Oxford, and an MBA from MIT.</p>	
LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/in/manuelaz/	
How did PiA support or shape your career?	Spent nearly a decade in Greater China, which all began with PiA.	



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Alumni & Friends

PiA Alumni Mentor Directory

How would you like to engage with a mentee?	One-time informational interview, discuss career objectives/transitions, share industry insights, resume/cover letter review, interview prep, share experiences of re-entry back to the U.S.
Contact information	manuela.zoninsein@gmail.com
Preferred mode of contact	Email to set up a phone call.
Favorite aspect of PiA	The network