



The Middlebury Institute's Global Alumni Network

The Middlebury Institute is the hub of a unique and far-flung alumni network. Thanks to both the Institute's diverse student body and its penchant for graduating future leaders in a variety of international fields, our alumni can be found working for governments, non-governmental organizations, private businesses, and public concerns in every corner of the globe. As Institute

leaders sometimes remind our graduates, "This global alumni network has no secret handshake, and the only agenda is to leave the world a better, safer, and more harmonious place than you found it." But there is a genuine camaraderie born of mutual respect for the rigors of the Institute's programs and the commitment MIIS alumni share to making a difference.

The list that follows offers a small but representative cross section of positions held in recent years by the Middlebury Institute's thousands of remarkable alumni.

International Organizations and NGOs

Chief, Language Section,
Department of Conferences & Meeting
Management, Organization of
American States, Washington, D.C.

Director of Operations, Andean
Alliance for Sustainable Development,
Calca, Peru.

President & CEO, InterAction,
Washington, D.C.

Staff Interpreter for Secretary-General
Ban Ki-Moon, United Nations
Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.

Country Director (Burundi/Rwanda
Programs), International Rescue
Committee, Bujumbura, Burundi.

Protected Areas Regional Communi-
cations Network Manager, Interna-
tional Union for the Conservation of
Nature, Bangkok, Thailand.

Livelihoods Advisor, Oxfam,
Amman, Jordan.

International Advocate, Global Safe
Water Project, Natural Resources
Defense Council, Washington, D.C.

Senior Interpreter, European
Commission, Brussels, Belgium.

Project Coordinator, Small Arms
Survey, Geneva, Switzerland.



Nathan Weller MAIEP '09

*Program and Policy Director
EcoViva*

After graduation, began work at EcoViva to rebrand the organization, as well as develop and lead its programs and policy advocacy. Works with a broad coalition of government and nongovernment actors to forge coastal policy and improve rural development in Central America.

While enrolled, helped establish the Institute's first ongoing practicum, Team El Salvador. "MIIS taught me that policy is a team sport. Learning how to work with a diverse array of talented, unique students helped me quickly learn how to manage a plethora of interests in the real world to get things done."



Tarana Patel MATESOL '01

*Education Development Advisor
S. K. Campus of the Nootan Education Group
Gujarat, India*

Founded LearnEd, Inc., through which she strives to create customized English development and teacher training experiences in Gujarat. In her position with the Nootan Education Group, runs short-term English programs for students and faculty.

"I realized that teaching languages was what I wanted to do in life. The education I got at MIIS gave me a real advantage," says Patel, recipient of the 2012 Young Alumni Achievement Award.



Edward "Edo" Forsythe MATFL '06

*Lecturer, English and Cultural Studies, Hirosaki Gakuin University
Hirosaki, Japan*

Taught languages (principally Russian) in the U.S. Navy before retiring in March 2010 to move to Japan (where he was stationed for 12 years) to teach English.

Values relationships he forged with MIIS professors: "I just know that I can always look to my former professors for help if I need it."



Rob Fenstermacher MPA '96

*President and CEO
Cultural Vistas*

Was hired immediately after graduation by the predecessor to Cultural Vistas, a nonprofit organization that facilitates connections between Americans and international visitors, where he has worked for 19 years.

"From day one, I was able to take the practical skills, collaborative processes, and innovative approaches I learned at MIIS to effect change in my organization. The Institute provided me with a cross-cultural fluency that allows me to seamlessly interact with people from multiple countries and cultures."



Nina Wulff MBA '04

*Senior Consultant, Group Process
Development
Danske Bank*

Returned to Denmark to a position with Bupa Global, an international health insurance company. Advanced to overseeing the customer insights function for the company's Copenhagen and Hong Kong sites, before moving to her current position with Danske Bank, the largest bank in Denmark.

Cites "the international and cultural aspects" as the most valuable part of her Monterey experience, enabling her to quickly adapt to a new business culture or a different country. "My MBA helped me move on to more interesting positions and secure my current job."



William "Bill" Godnick MAIPS '97

*Public Security Program Coordinator
United Nations Regional Centre for Peace,
Disarmament and Development in Latin
America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC)
Lima, Peru*

Manages technical assistance programs to Latin American and Caribbean governments seeking to curb illicit arms trafficking. Previously served for seven years as a senior policy advisor for Latin America with London-based NGO International Alert.

"The two years I spent at MIIS were consequential to the professional path that I have forged," says Godnick, recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award.



Pablo Chang-Castillo MAT '01, MACI '02

*Co-Owner, Chang-Castillo & Associates, LLC
Paris, France*

Born in Nicaragua, grew up in the U.S. and studied in France; operates an independent translation and interpretation business

"The friendships I made at MIIS opened many doors for me. Now I am the one opening doors for MIIS graduates and that gives me great joy."

Government

Ambassador to the United Kingdom and Ireland, Embassy of El Salvador, London, United Kingdom.

First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Washington, D.C.

Spanish Interpreter, Federal Public Defender: District of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ.

Chief of Staff, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, D.C.

Foreign Service Officer, Embassy of the United States, Budapest, Hungary.

Translator, Public Affairs Section, Embassy of the United States, Bogota, Colombia.

Deputy Director, Office of International Nuclear Fuel Management, U.S. Department of Energy, Silver Spring, MD.

Education

Associate Vice President of Recruiting and College Relations, International Education of Students Abroad, Chicago, IL.

English Instructor, Al Ahkawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco.

Director, ESL and StepUp Program, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA.

EAL Department Chair, UN International School, Hanoi, Vietnam.

English Teacher, Gashora Girls Academy of Science and Technology, Kigali, Rwanda.

International Programs Advisor, California State University, Monterey Bay, Seaside, CA.

Professor and Director of the English Language Center, Catholic University of Brazil, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Private Sector

Chinese Localization Editor, Kindle, Amazon, Seattle, WA.

Manager, Corporate Strategy, Cisco Systems, San Jose, CA.

Manager, Language Specialists, eBay, San Francisco, CA.

Director, Global Strategy, Gap Inc., New York, NY.

Interpreter/Translator, Honda USA, Dublin, OH.

Senior Producer, *The Today Show / NBC News*, Universal City, CA.

Business Partner, Hispanic Relations and Communications, Target Corporation, Minneapolis, MN.

Vice President, Financial Crimes Manager, Wells Fargo, Alamo, CA.

Vice President for Policy and Corporate Affairs and Commercial Operations, British Gas Tunisia, Tunis, Tunisia.

Senior Manager, China, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.