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GlobalWorks-NYU Washington Program a Resounding Success

In March, GlobalWorks Foundation convened the first annual GlobalWorks-NYU Public Interest Law Washington Program. The program brought 10 public interest lawyers from developing countries, spending the year studying at NYU Law School, to Washington to meet with officials and opinion leaders engaged on issues related to globalization, including trade and investment, international human rights and labor, promotion of the rule of law, and international environmental protection. Participants' home countries included the Philippines, China, India, Bangladesh, Kenya, Nigeria, and Argentina.

During the week, participants and presenters engaged in open, frank discussions on globalization. Presenters were drawn from a cross section of institutions in Washington such as the US

government, international financial institutions, major NGOs, corporations and think tanks, representing various points of view. It was a unique opportunity for the participants and presenters to expand contacts, and have a meaningful dialogue where all parties exchanged opinions and gained insights from one another in an intimate setting. In reflecting on the program, participants felt it was enormously helpful to them in better understanding the viewpoints, objectives and operations of major global actors and institutions, both private and public, and beneficial to their legal work on anti-poverty, access to justice and environmental issues in their countries.

Plans are underway for the next GlobalWorks-NYU Public Interest Law Washington Program to take place in the fall.



Washington Program participants and speakers at the GlobalWorks reception. (From left: Generosa Misleng, Philippines; Carolina Fairstein, Argentina; Arun Thiruvengadam, India; Eric Biel, Speaker; Eric Schwartz, Advisory Board Member.)



Foreground: GlobalWorks Chairman Claude Fontheim talks with Joseph Otteh of Nigeria and Migai Akech of Kenya. Background: GlobalWorks President Holly Hammonds.

GlobalWorks Names First Fellow on US-Mexico Border

In April, GlobalWorks Foundation was proud to name its first Border Fellow: Maria Gomez-Murphy. Maria is Founder of The Way of the Heart: The Promotora Institute (WHPI). Based in Nogales, Arizona, WHPI works on community and local environmental health, and in only a few years has become successfully engaged in women's health, safety and empowerment initiatives in this border community. Together with a small Spanish-speaking staff with deep family and cultural roots in the community, Maria Gomez-Murphy trains people who then become trainers and health "promoters." The program includes prevention and education, training the promoters, health screenings, community-focused media, support groups, one-on-one interventions, and advocacy. The Promotora model is based on previous research and pilot interventions that demonstrate "promoters" serve as meaningful bridges between governmental and NGO programs and the community, as effective disseminators of information in the community, and as potent change agents.

Maria will use fellowship monies, as well as the opportunity to travel to Washington and her participation in the GlobalWorks Network, to help expand her proven program to include more laborers and their families in the maquilas and colonias on the Mexican side of the border.



GlobalWorks Border Fellow Maria Gomez-Murphy (front, right) pictured with the staff of The Way of the Heart: The Promotora Institute

The goal of the Fellows Program is to identify and invest in promising social sector innovators or entrepreneurs, providing exposure to the best new ideas and offering resources and management expertise to help them launch or expand creative ventures in the areas of education, healthcare, or the environment.

Building an Innovative Network

GlobalWorks Foundation is building a unique Network of contributors and innovators who are seeking to improve communication and build new partnerships among a broad range of important actors at the global and local levels. The Network will help break down barriers between individuals and groups that too rarely have an opportunity to interact with one another, and will help them share information and perspectives, best practices, and resources, and more substantively collaborate in new partnerships addressing issues related to globalization. The Network will expand over time to encompass people involved in GlobalWorks such as participants in our programs, current and alumni Fellows, members of the GlobalWorks Board of Advisors, donors, and many others.

A word from the Chairman and President:

We are excited about how far we have come in our first six months. We have launched promising rule of law and border pilot projects, and our vision of bringing together NGOs and educational institutions, the business community, and social innovators to partner in civil society projects has resonated with a diverse group of friends and supporters. We look forward to moving ahead on the pilot projects and to expanding our partnerships in the coming months. Thank you for your support.

Claude Fontheim
Chairman

Holly Hammonds
President

GlobalWorks Foundation is a nonprofit organization established to improve the lives of people in poor communities around the world through projects addressing conditions related to globalization. GlobalWorks brings together nongovernmental organizations and educational institutions, the business community, and social innovators to participate in such civil society projects.

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