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A Bulletin of Career, Educational, & Reentry Information & Opportunities for RPCVs

HOT Books

Books about the Peace Corps experience by those who served as Peace Corps Volunteers:

Off the Beaten Path

by Dennis Ogden (Guatemala, 1987-90)
Xlibris Corporation, 2001

River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze

by Peter Hessler (China, 1996-98)
HarperCollins, 2001

*Mango Elephants in the Sun:
How Life in an African Village
Let Me Be in My Skin*

by Susana Herrera
(Cameroon, 1992-94)
Shambhala Publications, 1999

On the Brink of Paradise

by Kim McMahill
(Solomon Islands, 1994-95)
BuyBooksOnTheWeb.com, 1999

Over the Hill in Hungary

by Virginia White (Hungary, 1992-94)
Kroszka Books, 1999

*Younger Than That Now: A Peace Corps
Volunteer Remembers Morocco*

by Michael Moran (Morocco, 1981-83)
Full Court Press, 1994

The Ponds of Kalambayi:

An African Sojourn
by Mike Tidwell (Zaire, 1985-87)
Lyons and Burford, 1990

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Website:
www.peacecorps.gov/rpcv/hotline

Publishing a Peace Corps Experience

by RPCV Kristine Garman (Bulgaria, 1998-2000) Program Learning Assistant
Center for Field Assistance and Applied Research

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It can be said that deep in the heart of every Peace Corps Volunteer lies a story waiting to be told. It is a stirring tale of a distant country with a colorful cast of characters, surprising mishaps, and inspirational deeds. What better way to share your unique experience than to publish a book? Join the ranks of more than 60 returned Peace Corps Volunteers who have carved out a career in writing by penning the narrative that never ages: the Great American Peace Corps Adventure.

The first step took place while you were in the Peace Corps. Most Volunteers kept records of their thoughts and observations in journals and letters home. Those detailed accounts will breathe life into the world you left behind as you bang away at your keyboard in the United States.

Mike Tidwell (Zaire, 1985-87) is just one of many Volunteers who wrote a great deal during his service—seven journals in total. He also used his liberal free time to devour two or three books a week. This submersion into the literary world allowed Tidwell to circulate book formats in his mind. Several years later, Tidwell published the award-winning *The Ponds of Kalambayi: An African Sojourn*.

After their close of service, many RPCVs are faced with a choice between a day job or locking themselves in a room until they've emerged with a masterpiece in hand. For Tidwell, it "had to be at the center of my life or I wouldn't write at all." Peter Hessler (China, 1996-98), author of *River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze*, began writing his book when he returned home in September, and his first draft was finished by December. "I've never worked on something with so much focus," Hessler says. "I was living at home with my parents; I would write in the morning, go for a long run in the midday, and then write again in the afternoon and evening. ... It all poured out at once."

For some, however, such a lifestyle is unrealistic. Susana Herrera (Cameroon, 1992-94) obtained a full-time position in teaching, so it took almost seven years for her to publish *Mango Elephants in the Sun: How Life in an African Village Let Me Be in My Skin*. She says that, in hindsight, the wait was worthwhile, for it allowed time to turn things over in her mind and revise chapters until the pieces fit perfectly.

Most writers start with an outline of the most poignant moments of their Peace Corps service and move forward from there. As you flesh out characters and detail events, you may discover themes that run in a

chronological order. These themes will help you decide how to break up the chapters. Allow yourself the freedom to experiment in different styles, and use a mentor to help unclog writer's block. As Tidwell explains, "Writing is a mysterious process. It forces you to sit down and decide what you really think and what matters to you most."

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Sharing your work-in-progress with others is important to elicit constructive criticism that can help refine your manuscript. A mentor, whether a college professor, another returned Peace Corps Volunteer, or a fellow writer, can help put your experience in perspective, edit for clarity, and offer helpful bits of advice.

Another excellent resource is www.peacecorpswriters.org, a website for RPCV writers and readers. Founded by John Coyne (Ethiopia, 1962-64) and designed by Marian Haley Beil (Ethiopia, 1962-64), it is full of useful information to guide you in your pursuit of book publishing.

PUBLIC SECTOR

STAFF ASSISTANT · Washington, DC

Position available with the USDA Forest Service, Office of International Programs, to work on conservation of migratory birds in Latin America and the Caribbean. Duties: prepares grants and agreements; administers travel arrangements; writes and prepares program development documents; ensures project and partnership support is sufficient and migratory bird conservation is integrated with other activities in International Programs. Qualifications: Spanish language capability is preferred; experience living and working in Latin America or the Caribbean is helpful. Contact USDA Forest Service, International Programs, Attn.: Donna Janisch, 1099 14th Street, NW, Suite 5500, Washington, DC 20005.

PRIVATE SECTOR

INTERPRETERS · CT and DC

Positions available with Berlitz GlobalNET. Speakers of all Asian, Middle Eastern, and eastern European languages (except Russian) are needed for occasional work as community interpreters. Phone: 888.241.9149, ext. 170; e-mail: InterpreterRésumés@BerlitzGlobalNET.com; fax: 202.331.7630.

VICTIM SPECIALIST · Orange County, CA

Position available with Community Service Programs' Victim Assistance Programs. Services include court support, orientation to the criminal justice system, case updates, and resources and referrals. Position is based in a superior court in Southern California. Qualifications: able to work with judges, law enforcement, and district attorney's office; Spanish required. Send résumé to CSP, Victim Assistance Programs, 1821 East Dyer Street, Suite 200, Santa Ana, CA 92705; website: www.cspinc.org.

NURSES · Greenbrae, CA

Positions available with Marin Community Clinic. Duties: triage; oversee patient flow; provide patient care. Opportunity to develop your skills and contribute to those who are denied access elsewhere. Qualifications: Spanish and English skills. Benefits: Sign-on bonus available. Send résumé via e-mail to marinclinichr@yahoo.com; website: www.marinclinic.org.

SOCIAL WORKER · FL

Position available with a statewide nonprofit child-care organization. Duties: provides direction, support, and training to a group of family-support workers in 20 rural counties in Florida. Qualifications: nurturing, well organized, experienced, and able to travel with an average of one overnight stay per week; M.S.W. preferred; bilingual in English and Spanish helpful; family or pediatric nurse practitioner for non-hospital work desired. E-mail an indication of your interest to gyla@rcma.org.

CENTER MANAGER · New York, NY

Position available with Project Enterprise. Duties: works with entrepreneurs in Harlem to help them get their businesses off the ground; facilitates client meetings and provides business training and technical assistance to groups of entrepreneurs; promotes and markets microloan program to potential clients; creates effective community partnerships with other organizations; manages and maintains the quality of a portfolio of loans. Qualifications: experience teaching, organizing, or working with low-income individuals and/or minority- and women-owned businesses a plus; excellent quantitative, communication, time management, and interpersonal skills. Deadline for applications: 10/4/02. Mail, e-mail, or fax résumé and cover letter to Beth Dunphe, Program Officer, Project Enterprise, 144 West 125th Street, Fourth Floor, New York, NY 10027; e-mail: bethd@projectenterprise.org; fax: 212.678.6737.

PROGRAM OFFICER · Miami, FL

Position available with Planned Parenthood Federation of America's International Division/Latin America and Caribbean Regional Office. Duties: monitors assigned sexual and reproductive health projects; provides technical assistance; evaluates projects and develops refunding proposals; prepares reports. Qualifications: bachelor's degree, master's preferred; one to two years of directly related experience in project management; experience in international reproductive health or international development desirable; one year of work experience in Latin America or the Caribbean; ability to travel a minimum of 35 percent of the time; fluent in Spanish; proficiency in French a plus; comfort with and commitment to PPA's mission and philosophy. Send résumé, cover letter, and salary requirement to PPA, Attn.: Regional Director, 8360 West Flagler #201, Miami, FL 33144; fax: 305.480.8820; e-mail: laro@ppfa.org.

PROGRAM MANAGER · Pittsburgh, PA

Position available with Northside Leadership Conference. Duties: oversees program, including real-estate planning, financing, acquisition, construction, and sales; facilitates neighborhood housing plans with community groups; provides technical support to member organizations. Qualifications: B.A. and three to five years of experience in real estate or community development; team player with strong supervisory and interpersonal skills; proficient with current software applications. Salary range: \$42K-\$52K. Deadline for applications: 10/11/02. Send cover letter and résumé to Executive Director, NSLC, 415 East Ohio Street, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15212; e-mail: Dana@pittsburghnorthside.com.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT · Greenbrae, CA

Position available with Marin Community Clinic. Duties: responsible for rooming patients; obtains vitals and information; handles complaints; assists with basic care; keeps rooms in order; prepares instruments. Qualifications: Spanish and English skills. No nights or weekends required. E-mail résumé to marinclinichr@yahoo.com.

REGISTERED NURSE · Redmond, WA

Part-time position available with Community Health Centers of King County. Duties: provides nursing assessments as well as care and outreach to families in a variety of settings. Qualifications: ambulatory care or home health experience preferred; current state RN licensure; vehicle with insurance. Flexible hours. Send cover letter and résumé to Community Health Centers of King County, 403 East Meeker Street, Suite 300, Kent, WA 98030; fax: 425.277.1566; e-mail: recruiting@chckc.org; job line: 253.372.3662.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR · Arlington, VA

Position available with Online NewsHour Extra, a current events website for high school teachers and students. Duties: writes and edits stories; plans long-term journalistic and educational projects involving classrooms and individuals; works with teen correspondents to produce multimedia reports. Deadline for applications: 10/7/02. E-mail résumé and cover letter to lclapman@newshour.org; fax: 703.820.6266.

PROJECT COORDINATOR · Lawrence, MA

Position available with Cassin Educational Initiative Foundation to lay groundwork for an alternative Catholic high school that the Sisters of Notre Dame plans to open in 2004. Duties: establishes relationships with business and community leaders; locates a site for the school, which will be part of the Cristo Rey network. Qualifications: fluency in Spanish a plus. Send résumé and cover letter to Jeff Thielman, Executive Director, Cassin Educational Initiative Foundation, 106A Kenny Cottle, 885 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02459; phone: 617.244.8512; fax: 617.244.8747; website: www.cristorey.net.

PROGRAM ADMIN · Washington, DC

Position available with TCG International (The Communities Group). Duties: participates in the implementation of current contracts; prepares technical and cost proposals; prepares and tracks invoices; maintains a database of consultants; manages project database information. Qualifications: M.B.A. with at least two years of finance-related experience; international development experience, preferably overseas; fluency in English; fluency in an additional language (e.g., Spanish, French, Indonesian) is preferred; excellent written and oral communication skills; advanced spreadsheet and database skills. E-mail a cover letter and résumé to Emily Ball at ball@thecomunitiesgroup.com.

PROGRAM MANAGER · New Rochelle, NY

Position available with Cross-Cultural Solutions, an international nonprofit organization. Duties: handles inquiries from potential participants; develops new in-country programming and custom itineraries; prepares participants for departure. Qualifications: strong background in customer service, sales, or travel marketing; strong communication and computer skills desired; Spanish a plus. Salary range: high 20s. Send cover letter and résumé to Cross-Cultural Solutions, Attn.: Jodie Emmett; fax 914.632.8494; e-mail: jodie@crossculturalsolutions.org.

DEV. SPECIALIST • Pittsburgh, PA

Position available with Northside Leadership Conference. Duties: recruits businesses; implements cultural tourism plan; provides business planning assistance; develops and manages real-estate database; assesses eligibility of loan fund applicants; provides technical support to member organizations. Qualifications: B.A.; three to five years of business development, recruitment, or financing experience; experience in technical resources for small businesses; commitment to community-based development; strong communication, analytical, and organizational skills. Deadline for applications: 10/11/02. Send cover letter and résumé to Executive Director, NSLC, 415 East Ohio Street, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15212; e-mail: Dana@pittsburghnorthside.com.

PROJECT MANAGER • Falls Church, VA

Position available with the Pragma Corporation, an international development consulting company. Duties: monitors project activities and ensures that they are in line with the benchmarks outlined in the contract; maintains project records and ensures USAID and other donor reporting requirements are met; corresponds with Pragma field offices and project offices on project needs and issues; provides visa and travel assistance for consultants; assists with recruitment of consultants from both Pragma's extensive consultant bank and other sources for long- and short-term positions. Qualifications: three to five years of experience working for USAID or other donor or contractor; experience backstopping international development projects and knowledge of USAID operating procedures; language ability in Russian and familiarity with the Newly Independent States are desirable; B.A. required; M.A., M.B.A., or M.P.A. in international development, international affairs, or international business preferred; self-starter with the ability to absorb details quickly and manage multiple responsibilities; organizational and research skills; proficiency in MS Office suite and Internet/e-mail software. Contact Tom Sinclair at tsinclair@pragmacorp.com; fax: 703.237.9326.

REGIONAL COORDINATOR • NY

Position available with the American Red Cross to direct and support activities that promote public knowledge about disaster preparedness and response and the mobilization of a ready-response, community-based volunteer corps at the regional level. Duties: works with key partner agencies; develops volunteer recruitment, training, and mobilization initiatives. Qualifications: two to three years of experience with volunteer corps, human services, or emergency management; prior experience with seniors useful; excellent oral and written communication skills; ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously. Salary: \$30K. Deadline for applications: 10/04/02. Send résumé to Becky Corry, American Red Cross, 50 Prince Street, Rochester, NY 14607; e-mail: mccorrybl@grcarc.org.

COMMUNITY REPS • Nationwide

Positions available with the Council for Educational Travel USA, a nonprofit organization that needs people, eight to 10 hours per month, to screen local

families for high-school-age foreign exchange students and represent the program in local schools. Training provided and field expenses reimbursed. Deadline for applications: 4/15/03. Contact CETUSA-PALS Exchange Student Program at 888.725.7747.

AGRICULTURE AGENT • Madison, WI

Position specializing in dairy, livestock, and farm management available with the University of Wisconsin-Extension Cooperative Extension. Duties: plans, implements, and evaluates educational programming that meet the needs of Oconto County individuals, organizations, and communities. Qualifications: master's degree in a related field and success in developing educational programs. For more information, visit www1.uwex.edu/ces/personnel.

HR AND BENEFITS MGR • Falls Church, VA

Position available with the Pragma Corporation, an international development consulting company. Duties: responsible for benefits administration for 15-20 employees in the Washington metro area and 35-40 overseas expatriate staff; coordinates with overseas offices regarding human resources and benefits issues for 250 local staff. Qualifications: strong interpersonal skills; flexibility; sense of humor and patience; three to five years of experience; B.S. or B.A.; team player; entrepreneurial and creative; familiarity with international relocation, recruitment, and logistics; organizational and research skills; proficiency in MS Office suite and Internet/e-mail software; familiarity with U.S. government or international organization contracts; language ability; overseas living experience. Contact Tom Sinclair at tsinclair@pragmacorp.com; fax: 703.237.9326.

DIRECTOR • New York, NY

Position available with Financial Services Volunteer Corps. Duties: works on daily financial management and compliance, grant budgeting and negotiation, and expense approval; ensures compliance with USAID policies and procedures; responsible for overseeing the organization's annual A-133 audit; coordinates facilities management and office maintenance; oversees IT staff, including new hardware and software purchases and upkeep of the organization's database; personnel management and administration. Qualifications: B.S. or M.B.A. in a related field; significant nonprofit work experience; knowledge of USAID policies and procedures. Deadline for applications: 10/1/02. Contact Laura McQuade at hr@fsvc.org; fax: 212.421.2162.

PROJECT MANAGER • Sacramento, CA

Position available with Population Services International, a dynamic social marketing health organization. Duties: oversees local and statewide initiatives; manages and implements health-service-quality improvement and health communication activities. Qualifications: master's preferred; experience with project management, reproductive health, research, training, and health communication. Fax: 916.731.8533; e-mail: psisac@pacbell.net; website: www.psi.org.

INTERNATIONAL**CENTER DIRECTORS • Various**

Positions available with United Seamen's Service, an international nonprofit agency, in Europe, Far East, Middle East. Qualifications: ability to organize and manage programs for both seafarers and U.S. government personnel; ability to maintain liaison between government agencies and the maritime industry overseas; strong management skills relating to food and beverage service in a club atmosphere; overseas experience. Initial assignment overseas is for two years; tax-free salary plus housing and benefits. Send résumé with salary history to Assistant Director, Operations, United Seamen's Service, PO Box 925, New York, NY 10268, or by fax to 212.269.5721.

DEMOCRACY SUPPORT • Various

Positions available with PAE Government Services, Inc. for long- and short-term overseas assignments in support of European, Balkan, and Central Asian democratization projects for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Positions involve many disciplines, including rule of law, border monitoring, election monitoring, media development, democratization, human rights, economic and environmental affairs, and political institution building. Qualifications: U.S. citizenship; international expertise in the above disciplines preferred; area language ability may be required. Apply online at www.pae-react.com. For general employment information, contact Leslie Smith in the Recruiting Office at 703.248.1674 or 800.405.7593.

SENIOR CONSULTANTS • Various

Positions available with Management Sciences for Development in the areas of international sustainable agriculture, forestry, and small business development. Qualifications: three years of experience with USAID-funded projects; extensive experience in developing countries; foreign language fluency; availability for short-term or long-term contracts worldwide. Deadline for applications: 10/10/02. E-mail résumé to RHulshof@msdglobal.com.

PROGRAM MANAGER • Mexico City, Mexico

Position available beginning 1/03 with the Organization of Educational Resources and Technological Training (ORT) International for a microenterprise development project. Duties: manages grants; designs and implements microenterprise training program for unemployed and small business owners; integrates information and communications technology components; expands projects through marketing and proposal writing and development; liaises with donors, businesses, and government. Qualifications: five years' experience in microenterprise projects; relevant university degree; fluency in Spanish and English; excellent writing and verbal skills; project development, planning, budgeting, and management experience (preferably USAID); computer proficient. Deadline for applications: 11/15/02. Send cover letter, salary history, and CV by fax to 202.293.2577; e-mail: ortdc@aol.com.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE • Liberia

Position available beginning January 2003 with International Foundation for Education and Self-Help, a leading NGO focusing on development in Africa. Duties: responsible for directing activities in Liberia; implements the USAID-funded Liberia Integrated Civil Society Development Initiatives. Qualifications: relevant graduate degree; working, living, and training experience in a complex emergency situation; minimum of five years of experience in sub-Saharan Africa; variety of other experience needed. Deadline for applications: 11/15/02. Send résumé, cover letter, and three references to Cap Dean, IFESH, 5040 East Shea Boulevard, Suite 260, Scottsdale, AZ 85254-4687; fax: 480.443.1824; phone: 480.443.1800; e-mail: capdean@ifesh.org.

POPULATION FELLOWS • Worldwide

The Population Fellows Programs offer two-year professional fellowships to individuals with graduate degrees in population-, environment-, and development-related areas. Population fellows are placed with organizations working to improve family planning and reproductive health programs in the developing world. Population and environment fellows work on projects that combine assistance to threatened environments with attention to the population dynamics and reproductive health needs of the communities living within them. Fellows receive a professional-level stipend and benefits. Contact Population Fellows Programs, University of Michigan, 1214 South University, Second Floor, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2548; phone: 734.763.9456; fax: 734.647.0643; e-mail: michiganfellows@umich.edu; website: www.sph.umich.edu/pfps.

SAFETY/AG. SPECIALIST • Costa Rica

Position available with the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) through the Associate Professional Officer Program. Duties: coordinates evaluation reports and participates in development of capacity-building mechanisms; promotes and coordinates implementation of the Food and Agriculture Organization/World Health Organization Guidelines for Strengthening National Food Control Systems; facilitates collaboration between IICA and international food-standard-setting bodies; assesses and reports on emerging

PEACE CORPS FELLOWS/USA



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND • Baltimore, MD

The Shriver Peaceworker Program seeks RPCVs interested in integrating community service, ethical reflection, and graduate studies. Peace workers enroll in a two-year sequence of seminars in ethical reflection and are appointed to community service internships. Areas of study include information technology, mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, policy sciences, sociology, psychology, English, and intercultural communications. RPCVs must apply and be admitted separately to a graduate program. The assistantship covers tuition, a stipend, and health insurance. Completed applications to both programs are due by 1/15/03. For a Peaceworker Program application, e-mail antoci@umbc.edu or call 410.455.1802.

*WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY • Macomb, IL

Western Illinois University seeks RPCVs for enrollment in its award-winning Fellows/USA Program in community development leading to a master's degree in geography (rural and regional planning), political science (public administration), economics, community health, recreation, park, and tourism administration, or business administration (M.B.A.). After completing all campus course work, fellows spend 11 months assigned to a rural community, working full time on a variety of community development projects. The program offers outstanding financial benefits, a supportive team approach, and excellent job placement upon graduation. Contact Carolyn Lawrence, Peace Corps Fellows Program, 503 Currens Hall, Western Illinois University, One University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455; phone: 800.526.9943 or 309.298.2268; fax 309.298.2142; e-mail: CA-Lawrence@wiu.edu; website: www.peacecorpsfellows.org.

GEORGE MASON UNIV. • Washington, DC

George Mason University's School of Education offers an elementary licensure program with an optional master's in education. Start any semester. After taking some of the courses, fellows are placed in schools in the D.C. metropolitan area. Includes a \$500 stipend. Fellows also have the option of teaching internationally. The licensure program consists of six courses that can be completed in one year while working in the schools. Tuition is charged at the in-state rate (currently \$625.50 per course). Students who are out of state must pay an additional \$25 per credit hour. Contact Jack Levy or Lynn Walker Levy by phone at 703.993.3689 or 703.993.3602, or by e-mail at jlevy@gmu.edu or lwalker3@gmu.edu; website: www.gse.gmu.edu/programs/fastrain.

*BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY • Waltham, MA

The Sustainable International Development Program of Brandeis University offers a two-year master of arts degree, with one year in residence and one year of practical training, fieldwork, or advanced study. SID's programs have gained international recognition for their innovation in examining models of development and for their achievements in reducing poverty and inequality, in raising quality of life, in enhancing the status of women, and in conserving the biodiversity of fragile environments. SID gives special consideration to RPCVs and offers some scholarship assistance, including waiving the \$50 application fee. Call the SID office at 781.736.2770 or e-mail sidrecruit@brandeis.edu. Website: <http://heller.brandeis.edu/sid>.

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY • Cairo, Egypt

The M.A. in TEFL fellowship requires a commitment of two years and the intervening summer. Fellowships for nonlocal residents include a tuition waiver and a modest living and housing stipend in local currency. Application and credentials must be received by 2/1/03 for 9/03 start. Contact Maryanne Davidson, The American University in Cairo, 420 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-2729; e-mail: aucegypt@aucnyo.edu; fax: 212.730.1600; phone: 212.730.8800.

Fellows/USA works with more than 30 universities that offer financial assistance to RPCVs who wish to attend graduate school in a multitude of subject areas. Through internships, RPCVs work in underserved U.S. communities. Find out more at www.peacecorps.gov/fellows, call 800.424.8580, ext. 1440, or write to fellows@peacecorps.gov.

HOT! OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION • Washington, DC

Twenty positions available with the American Association of School Administrators. Duties: help administer national high school scholarship program; assist with processing large volume of scholarship applications, including document screening, classification, and packaging. Qualifications: detail-oriented; able to follow directions well, to work independently and as a team player, and to read large amounts of material; flexible; willing to do variety of tasks. Schedule: 40-hour week beginning 1/6/03 and lasting for about four weeks, including working on a federal holiday. Salary: \$11 per hour with some benefits. Near Metro stop. Great opportunity for RPCVs to network and sharpen office skills in friendly and professional setting. Phone: 703.237.8006; e-mail: fc@corestaff.com.

issues regarding diseases, pests, or pathogens that threaten agricultural health, food safety, and trade in the Western Hemisphere; oversees and evaluates the implementation of U.S. government-funded SPS (sanitary and phytosanitary) and WTO meeting participation program. Qualifications: background in biological sciences; strong management and communications skills; ability to effectively operate in a foreign environment; background in veterinary medicine, agronomy, biology, food safety, or related sciences; leadership in proposing, promoting, and supporting programs designed to modernize national agricultural health and food safety systems in the Western Hemisphere; knowledge of application of the sanitary and phytosanitary agreements; written and oral communication skills in English and Spanish; must be U.S. citizen. Benefits: \$36K-

\$47K net plus post adjustment, housing allowance, and other benefits. Deadline for application: 10/31/02. Send cover letter and résumé to Jeffrey Nawn, USDA/FAS, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3011, Washington, DC 20250-1081; e-mail: nawnj@fas.usda.gov; fax: 202.690.1841.

EDUCATION

MISSISSIPPI TEACHER CORPS • MS

Positions available with the Mississippi Teacher Corps, a two-year program that offers the following benefits for those who are willing to teach in a critical teacher shortage area for two years: free tuition for a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, a book stipend, and tremendous support. The master's degree is completed during the two years of teaching. Contact the MTC office at 800.884.7606; website: www.olemiss.edu/programs/mtc.

UNIV.OF WASHINGTON • Seattle, WA

The Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington offers a master's in public administration designed for present and future leaders of the public and nonprofit sectors. The program emphasizes broad-based public policy analysis and management knowledge while students pursue one or more specialized policy fields. Emphasis areas include international affairs, environmental policy, education, and social policy. There is also a certificate program in international development policy and management. For more information, contact Evans School of Public Affairs, 109 Parrington Hall, Box 353055, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-3055; phone: 206.543.4900; website: evans.washington.edu; e-mail: mpaadmit@u.washington.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII • Honolulu, HI

Positions available with the University of Hawaii's Community and Culture Psychology Department. Research assistantships, teaching assistantships, and tuition waivers are available, with special consideration for RPCVs, for graduate specialization leading to a Ph.D. in psychology. The program, which offers education relevant to employment in academia, research, consultation, social services, advocacy, program planning, evaluation, and community development, uses a scientist-practitioner approach to the creation and application of knowledge, a multidisciplinary curriculum, and a scholar-apprentice model of education. Contact Clifford R. O'Donnell, Ph.D., University of Hawaii Department of Psychology, 2430 Campus Road, Honolulu, HI 96822; phone: 808.956.6271; fax: 808.956.4700; e-mail: cliffo@hawaii.edu.

BARD COLLEGE • Annandale, NY

Bard Center for Environmental Policy, an innovative graduate program leading to a master of science in environmental policy, prepares students for environmental careers in nonprofit organizations, government, and the private sector. Unique modular curriculum features integrated application of natural and social sciences to environmental problems and responses and the practical knowledge to understand

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Once you feel your manuscript is ready to face the light of day, submit the final draft along with a cover letter to prospective agents. Virginia White (Hungary, 1992-94), author of *Over the Hill in Hungary*, suggests sending your work to agents who deal with "your kind of book," whether the genre is travel, history, biography, or spiritual awareness. Tidwell used a reference book he found at the library called *The Literary Marketplace* to find his agent.

The Peace Corps writers website has a list of "friendly agents and publishers" who have worked with RPCV writers and have agreed to look at the writings of other returned Volunteers. You could also contact the authors of books you admire, and they might refer you to their own agents.

The long journey to a hardback book is fraught with disappointments and setbacks, but perseverance will prevail in the long run.

Although 80 percent of all trade press books pass through the hands of agents, Herrera chose instead to operate without an agent and sent her proposal along with five chapters directly to a few small publishing houses such as Shambhala Publications. Within three weeks, she received an offer.

Once an agent agrees to represent you, he or she will contact publishers on your behalf. For Hessler, the response was immediate. After about a week, his agent had an auction, and four publishers bid on the manuscript. Hessler decided to go with HarperCollins because it seemed to be the most enthusiastic and supportive of the book. "There was a real interest in a book on China," Hessler says. "I just happened to come along, and my project was very different from what others were doing."

This is not to say there won't be rejections. As Hessler acknowledges, "It's a very quirky business. Writers should always realize how subjective these things are. Nearly a year after selling my book for a good advance, I was still receiving rejections from agents I had queried 14 months earlier." The long journey to a hardback book is fraught with disappointments and setbacks, but perseverance will prevail in the long run. Some writers go so far as to wallpaper their bathrooms with "thanks but no thanks" letters.

When it comes time to draw up a contract,

don't be afraid to spell out your interests. While Hessler maintained control of the cover design, Herrera negotiated for screenplay and children's book rights. Most publishers will offer an advance payment, but White cautions, "Don't expect to make a lot of money."

On average, it takes dozens of revised drafts and a couple of years to get a book published. Once the book is released, some writers play an active role in marketing it by attending book signings and giving talks, while others shy away from publicity. Some even venture overseas again to try their hand at freelance work. Tidwell's labor of love became a full-time career.

In the end, it's the product that matters most. If you have a story to tell, trust in your skills and write it. Your Peace Corps experience is already a masterpiece—it's a story that comes from the heart.

Writing Resources

A Writer's Guide to Book Publishing
by Richard Balkin
Penguin Books, 1994

Writing the Memoir: From Truth to Art
by Judith Barrington
Eighth Mountain Press, 1997

Writing From Personal Experience: How to Turn Your Life Into Salable Prose
by Nancy Davidoff Kelton
Writers Digest Books, 1997

Free Membership to Recent RPCVs

Did you know? The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) offers a one-year free membership to returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) during their first year back.

As members, RPCVs receive benefits that include a subscription to *WorldView* magazine and the NPCA's alumni newsletter, *3/1/61*. Members will also receive discounted registration rates for future NPCA National Conferences as well as other benefits.

For more information, visit www.rpcv.org or contact the NPCA membership department at 202.293.7728, ext. 23; e-mail: membership@rpcv.org.

legal, political, socioeconomic, cultural, and ethical forces influencing policymaking. Distinctive elements include modular organization, communication strategies, and leadership training. Small classes ensure close mentoring of student career preparations. Peace Corps experience may qualify for internship and early start on master's project while in the field. Website: www.bard.edu/cep; phone: 845.758.7073.

UNIV. OF THE PACIFIC · Stockton, CA

The School of International Studies, in conjunction with the Intercultural Communication Institute of Portland, Oregon, offers a master of arts in intercultural relations. This limited-residency program is designed for working professionals who wish to obtain an advanced degree while maintaining employment or other commitments. The program takes two-and-one-half to three years to complete. Students complete the core courses in 18 months through attendance in three two-week residencies held in the Portland area. Assignments for the core courses are completed at home. RPCVs receive special consideration for admission. Phone: 209.946.2836; e-mail: kjaggears@uop.edu; website: www3.uop.edu/sis/mair/ma.htm.

U. OF SO. CALIFORNIA · Sacramento, CA

Earn a master's degree at the School of Policy, Planning, and Development while working full time. The master of health administration and master of public administration are offered in the intensive semester format, in which classes meet once a month for four-day sessions, Thursday through Sunday. These programs teach real-world information and skills, requiring students to apply new knowledge directly to their work and use their on-the-job experience to enhance concept development. Paid internship and residency placement assistance is available. Admission and

enrollment are ongoing throughout the year. Inquire about the special tuition discount for RPCVs. Phone: 916.442.6911; e-mail: sacto@usc.edu; website: www.usc.edu/schools/spdp/sacto/.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY · Washington, DC

The International Development Program in the School of International Service offers an M.A. in international development and an M.S. in development management. Concentrations include community development, conflict, development management, democracy and governance, economic policy, environment, gender, information systems, microfinance, small business, and trade, or can be designed by the student. The ID Program gives special consideration and at least one assistantship per year to RPCVs. Contact Dr. David Hirschmann, Director, or Wendy Nicodemus, Program Manager, International Development Program, School of International Service, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016-8071; phone: 202.885.1660; fax: 202.885.1695; e-mail: idpsis@american.edu; website: www.american.edu/sis/idp.

***INDIANA UNIVERSITY · Bloomington, IN**

The School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University offers a two-year master of public affairs or master of science in environmental science to RPCVs as preparation for careers in the nonprofit, private, or public sectors. The application priority date for fall enrollment is February 1. Contact the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Graduate Programs Office, SPEA 260, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405; phone: 800.765.7755; e-mail: speainfo@indiana.edu; website: www.spea.indiana.edu.

INTERN/VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEERS · Africa

Florida A&M University's College of Engineering Sciences, Technology, and Agriculture, in partnership with the Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs, is starting a new program for Southern Africa. Volunteers spend three weeks in one of the target countries in the region, working closely with field staff to help members of farmer and agricultural trade associations develop or improve management and business skills, such as bookkeeping, business plan development, marketing, cooperative and association management, networking, and advocacy. There are also occasional requests for specific skills, such as beekeeping or fish farming. Volunteers receive full logistical support and coverage of all expenses related to the assignment. Contact Gary Liebert at 850.561.2975; or write to Harriett A. Paul, Director, Office of International Agricultural Programs, CESTA, 204 South Perry-Paige Building, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL 32307; phone: 850.599.8867; fax: 850.561.2794.

MARKETING VOLUNTEERS · Nationwide

Two positions available with Deeproots.org, a virtual nonprofit created to fund education for talented youth who are unable to pay school fees. Duties: serve on marketing committee to design and publish bimonthly Seeds of Progress newsletter. Qualifications: writing and editing skills; attention to detail and formatting; knowledge of MS Word, Adobe Acrobat, and newsletter-generating software such as Publisher. This position will take as much time as someone is willing to give, but never more than 15 hours per month. Contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@deeproots.org.

Peace Corps Day February 28, 2003

Sign up to participate on February 28. Respondents receive a free Peace Corps Day presentation kit, which includes souvenirs for the audience, a poster, and other materials to help prepare for and promote the day.



Online registration is available at www.peacecorps.gov/rpcv/peacecorpsday

Or complete this form and mail to:

Peace Corps Day, 1111 20th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20526
Fax: 202.692.1421

If you have any questions, please contact us at pcday@peacecorps.gov or call 800.424.8580, press 2, then ext. 1961.

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Crisis Corps Recruiting Short-Term Volunteers

Africa HIV/AIDS Assignments

The following assignments require previous African work experience and a six-month commitment. Additional qualifications listed. Start date is as soon as possible.

Kenya

1. Voluntary counseling and testing and home-based care trainer for the Foundation Agency for Rural Development (counseling degree, monitoring and evaluation experience, and knowledge and experience in home-based care activities required); 2. Laboratory blood safety volunteer for Family Health International (three years of experience as lab manager or technologist and experience setting up quality assurance programs); 3. Blood donor recruitment volunteer for Family Health International (health degree and two years of social marketing or community mobilization experience with a public health department or agency).

Malawi

Six-month assignments in Malawi in response to the food crisis are anticipated for November placement. Volunteers will be assisting the government in cholera preparedness, prevention, and surveillance. Although cholera outbreaks occur annually, this year's outbreak is expected to be much worse than usual because of the country's food crisis coupled with the poor health of Malawians resulting from chronic malnutrition, poverty, and HIV/AIDS. Anticipated qualifications include two years of Peace Corps Volunteer experience in Africa in the health sector. RPCVs are encouraged to submit applications and résumés so that we can make quick contact as soon as the position descriptions are finalized.

Guinea

The World Food Program requests four volunteers. 1. Two food-aid monitors to work in refugee camps or internally displaced persons project sites (community development, natural resource management, agriculture, health nutrition, or education RPCV, intermediate spoken French, and computer skills required). *The following positions descriptions are not yet finalized.* 2. Two program assistants to work with expanding food for work and school canteen programs with internally displaced persons (anticipated requirements include bachelor's degree in health, education, development studies, natural resource management, agriculture, or related field, advanced spoken French and intermediate written French, and computer knowledge).

Because of mail delivery difficulties, Crisis Corps requests that applications and résumés be faxed to 202.692.2251 or e-mailed to crisiscorps@peacecorps.gov. An application and additional position information can be downloaded from the Crisis Corps website at www.peacecorps.gov/rpcv/crisiscorps; or call 800.424.8580, ext. 2250.

UNIV. OF NEW MEXICO • NM

Internship positions available with the University of New Mexico/Santa Fe Public Schools Teacher Education Program, a 14-month post-baccalaureate academic program and practicum that lead to full New Mexico licensure as an elementary or secondary teacher. Participants who successfully complete the probationary summer pre-service will receive fellowship stipends and prepaid tuition as they team-teach in an SFPS classroom. Qualifications: at least a 2.5 GPA with a bachelor's or master's in liberal arts or other arts and sciences fields. Completed applications, with official transcripts and references, must be received by one of two deadlines, 11/15/02 (for early admission) or 1/15/03. For printed program information and to obtain an application, contact Deborah A. Haury, Coordinator, UNM-SFPS Teacher Education Program, University of New Mexico, Hokona Hall 116, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1241; phone: 505.277.0474; fax: 505.277.2269; e-mail: dahaury@yahoo.com; website: www.unm.edu/sfip.

VOLUNTEER TUTOR/MENTOR • Boston, MA

Position available with One With One, an organization that trains and pairs volunteer tutors/mentors with international newcomers. Duties: work with a newcomer enrolled in the Office Skills Training Program. Partners meet for three hours a week for nine months, in the evenings or on weekends. Weekend training workshop available from 11/1/02 through 11/3/02 to prepare tutors for partnerships. Deadline for applications: 10/31/02. Call Caitlin Nusser at 617.254.1691; e-mail: onewithone@aol.com.

CLARK UNIVERSITY • Worcester, MA

One full-tuition fellowship is available to an RPCV through the graduate programs in International Development, Community, and Environment (IDCE) at Clark University, resulting in an M.A. in international development, geographic information sciences (GIS), community development and planning, or environmental science and policy. Programs are for development specialists interested in careers in gender analysis, community-based development, environmental impact assessment, or local management of resources. The intensive 12-month GIS option provides GIS, GPS (global

positioning system), and remote-sensing skills related to development issues. RPCVs are encouraged to apply by 1/15/03. For an application, contact Liz Owens, IDCE Programs, Clark University, Worcester, MA 01610-1477; phone: 508.793.7201; fax: 508.793.8820; e-mail: IDCE@ClarkU.edu; website: www.clarku.edu/departments/idce.

AMERICORPS/VISTA

LEADER • Los Angeles, CA

Position available with National Community Reinvestment Coalition. Support and guide eight VISTA members in a national project that focuses on issues of economic justice. Qualifications: strong leadership, writing, and organizational skills; RPCV or former Americorps/VISTA member; ability to make a full-time, yearlong commitment. E-mail résumé and letter of interest to Tracy Bulkeley, NCRC's Regional Manager, at tbulkeley@ncrc.org; fax: 213.743.9707; phone: 213.743.9920; website: www.ncrc.org.

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October Career Event

Finding a Satisfying Career Direction

Whether you are new to the job market, considering a midcareer job shift, or making a transition to a new occupation, it is easy to lose direction and to drift into the most available or secure job opportunity.

Jeannette Kreiser, a licensed psychologist and counselor, will provide a framework for developing realistic career goals, making satisfying career choices, building effective résumés, and presenting yourself to the best advantage in an interview. Learn how to utilize some of the tools available to determine your career direction.

When and Where:

October 23, 2002

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Paul D. Coverdell Peace Corps Headquarters

1111 20th Street, NW

Shriver Conference Room A

Washington, DC 20526

For more information, please contact Elvira May, RVS, at 202.692.1445.



Seeking Suggestions

If you have article ideas or would like to see a particular career topic covered in *Hotline*, please send suggestions to the following e-mail address: hotline@peacecorps.gov. Thanks!

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