



STATE ALUMNI

YOUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

alumni.state.gov

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Social WebGUI

Background and Trends

Why Social Networking?

Customizations

Challenges

Results

History and Background

- **Who:** Over 50,000 registered members
- **What:** A web-based global community of all USG exchange program participants
- **When:** Launched: 2001; Global: 2004; Redesigned: 2007
- **Where:** <https://alumni.state.gov>
- **Why:**
 - Provide opportunities and resources
 - Help alumni implement what they learned
 - Foster mutual understanding
 - Create a community of alumni
 - Facilitate at-post alumni engagement
 - Central platform

STATE ALUMNI and WebGUI


Welcome to State Alumni

Join State Alumni

Over 12,700 alumni are already members! [Join Now!](#)

Member Login

If you are a member of State Alumni, please type your user name and password below and select "LOGIN" to begin using the web site.

Username:

Password:

[LOGIN](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)



State Alumni is an interactive website by and for alumni of selected Department of State Exchange programs. State Alumni is an online community that helps alumni stay in contact with one another and with us at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Take a tour of State Alumni by downloading a PowerPoint presentation or a Word document that describes its features: [Download Presentation \[339KB\]](#) OR [Download a one-page description of the website \[34KB\]](#). State Alumni is open to all current and past participants of State Department exchange programs.

- Lea una descripción de *State Alumni* en español
- Leia uma descrição do *State Alumni* em português
- Lisez une description de *State Alumni* en français
- Читайте описание веб-сайта «State Alumni» по-русски
- اقرأ وصف الموقع الإلكتروني للمغتربين الأمريكيين في الموقع التالي بالعربي
- Читайте опис веб-сайту «State Alumni» українською мовою
- 한국말로 소개 부탁드립니다

New participants in the Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program get to know each other at orientation.

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Username
Password
[login](#)
[Click here to register.](#)
[Forgot your password?](#)

What's New

Did you know that the State Alumni website offers access to over 20,000 titles in the [Online Research Center](#)? Visit the Online Research Center to find peer-reviewed journals, magazines, multimedia sources, and more!



Welcome

Welcome to the State Alumni website!

State Alumni is your global community: a dynamic and interactive networking experience for all past and current participants of U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs.

Stay connected with your exchange experience and explore the various opportunities available to you from State Alumni. Find fellow alumni in your country and in all regions of the world. Share your ideas, learn from your fellow alumni and find out about alumni activities being implemented in communities the world over. Focus on your professional development by searching for job and grant opportunities, and post your résumé or academic articles. Prepare your research through State Alumni's Online Resource Center, and access over 20,000 U.S. and international periodicals, newspapers, and more!

Grow, stay connected, and expand upon your exchange experience. [Join Now!](#)



State Alumni Is...

Read a description of State Alumni in the following languages:

- English
- Bosanski
- 한국어
- Русский
- Hrvatski
- 日本語
- عربي
- Srpski
- 汉语
- Deutsch
- Українська
- Español
- Türkçe
- Português
- Română
- Français
- Kazakşa
- Italiano




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STATE ALUMNI and WebGUI



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Find Fellow Alumni	Alumni News	Search State Alumni	Journal Database
Career Development	Grant Opportunities	Current Headlines	
Photo Gallery	Discussion Forum	Alumni Articles	

June 16, 2005

Select Region: **Western Hemisphere**

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WHAT'S NEW

Next ORA Live Event: United States Government Response to Modern Human Trafficking

Trafficking in persons is a form of modern-day slavery that takes place in every corner of the world. In an effort to raise global awareness and spur foreign governments to take effective actions to counter trafficking in persons, the U.S. Department of State annually publishes a **Trafficking in Persons Report**. On Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 09:30-10:30am Eastern Daylight Time (UTC 13:30-14:30), Ambassador **John R. Miller**, Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State, will be live online to take questions from alumni about this serious global issue. Check the [World Clock](#) to find out the time of this event in your country.

[Submit a question](#) | [Read the 2005 Trafficking in Persons Report](#)

Search

Keywords:

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Go to DynaMed >

Grant Opportunities

Career Awards in the Biomedical Sciences

Archive Research Grant

Pre & Postdoctoral Fellowship: Anthropology

The Kildick Short-Term Fellowship Opportunities in American Studies

Dissertation Fieldwork Grants


Career Development

Economic Affairs Officer [Santiago, Chile]

CHF International Executive Director [Mexico]

Associate Dean Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry [Edmonton, Canada]

From The Photo Gallery



Hello link. [Click here to log out.](#) Search

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Home
News & Discussion
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H1N1 Flu Information



Find information about the recent global outbreak of **H1N1 Flu on State Alumni**. Stay current with recommendations for monitoring, diagnosing, and treating patients with flu-like illnesses during this outbreak.

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Recent Alumni News

Rhythm Road Alumni Tour the Middle East MUSCAT, Oman – In April, 2009, the Chris Byars Quartet performed concerts and educational programs in Oman, Jordan, Bahrain, Syria,.... [Read More >](#)

Lifetime of Service: Fulbright Alumna and Educator Remembered HOLMEN, Wisconsin -- Fulbright alumna Marian Mieden died March 29, 2009 after a lifetime of service to her community. Mieden... [Read More >](#)

YES Alumna and Tsunami Survivor Speaks at Model U.N. SCHENECTADY, New York -- On March 25, 2009, Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES) alumna Mifta Sugesty was one of... [Read More >](#)

Browse By Region



World Wide

UNITED STATES

Welcome link



2 New Mail!

Communities

- Alumni Association Resources Community
- Disability
- Fulbright Community
- Literature Community

My Profile

My Network (0 members)

[Find Fellow Alumni](#)

You May Know...



Tavainya
from United States of America



Bakytbek
studied Political Science



Patricia
participated in Fulbright Student Program

Alumni News
Read about activities, achievements, and contributions.

Calendar of Events
Find or announce events in your region.

Find Fellow Alumni
Search for alumni throughout the globe.

Job Opportunities
Find job listings or advertise new positions.

Alumni Association Resources
Find alumni associations or create your own.

Alumni Articles
Share your experience, articles, or research.

Grant Opportunities
Find or advertise grant opportunities.

Photo Gallery
See photos of alumni from around the world.

Online Research Center
Access over 20,000 online journal titles!

Discussion Forum
Continue the dialogue with other alumni.

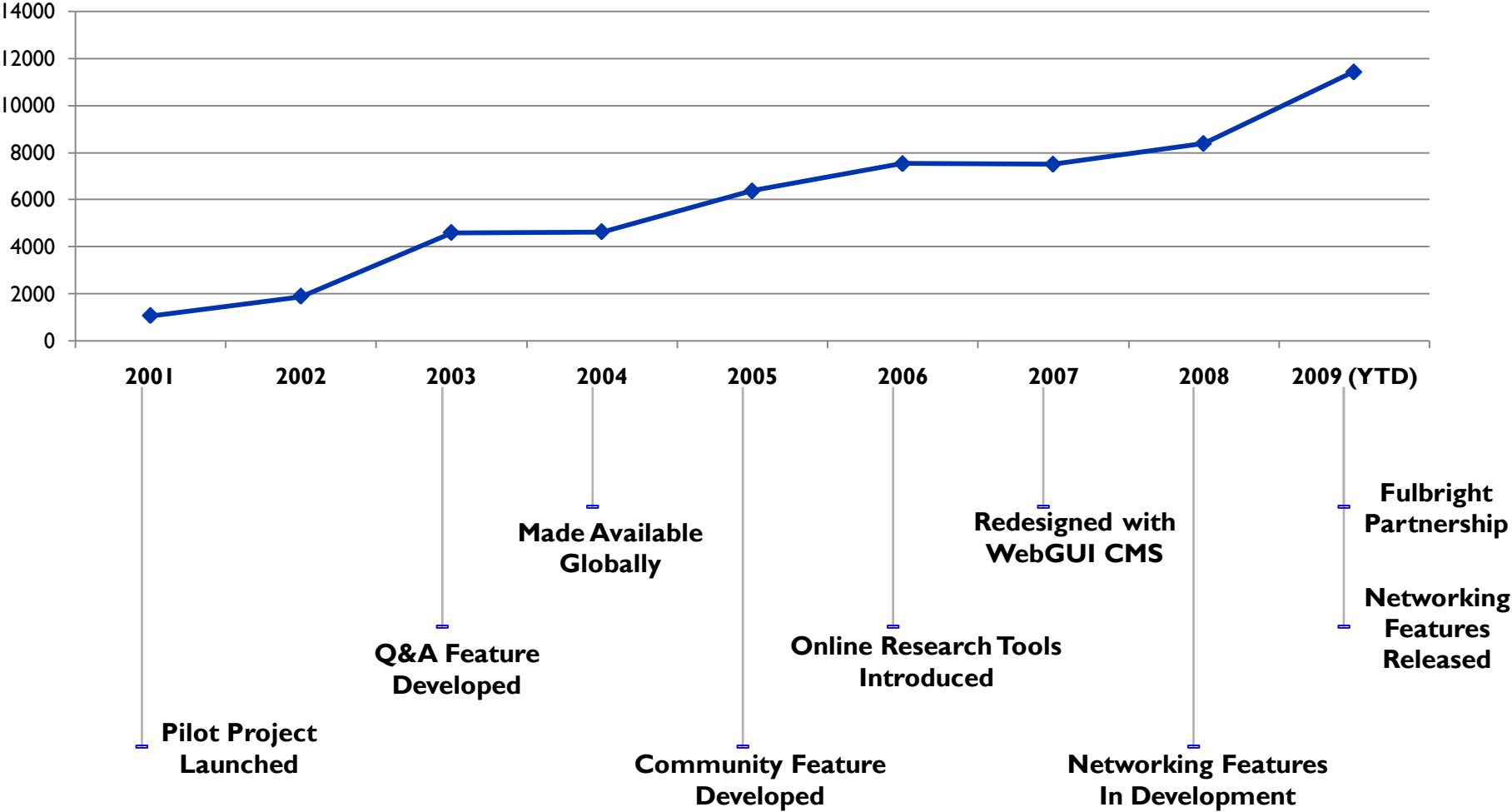
Q&A Live
Participate in discussions with experts.

State Alumni Member of the Month
Read how one community member has made a difference.

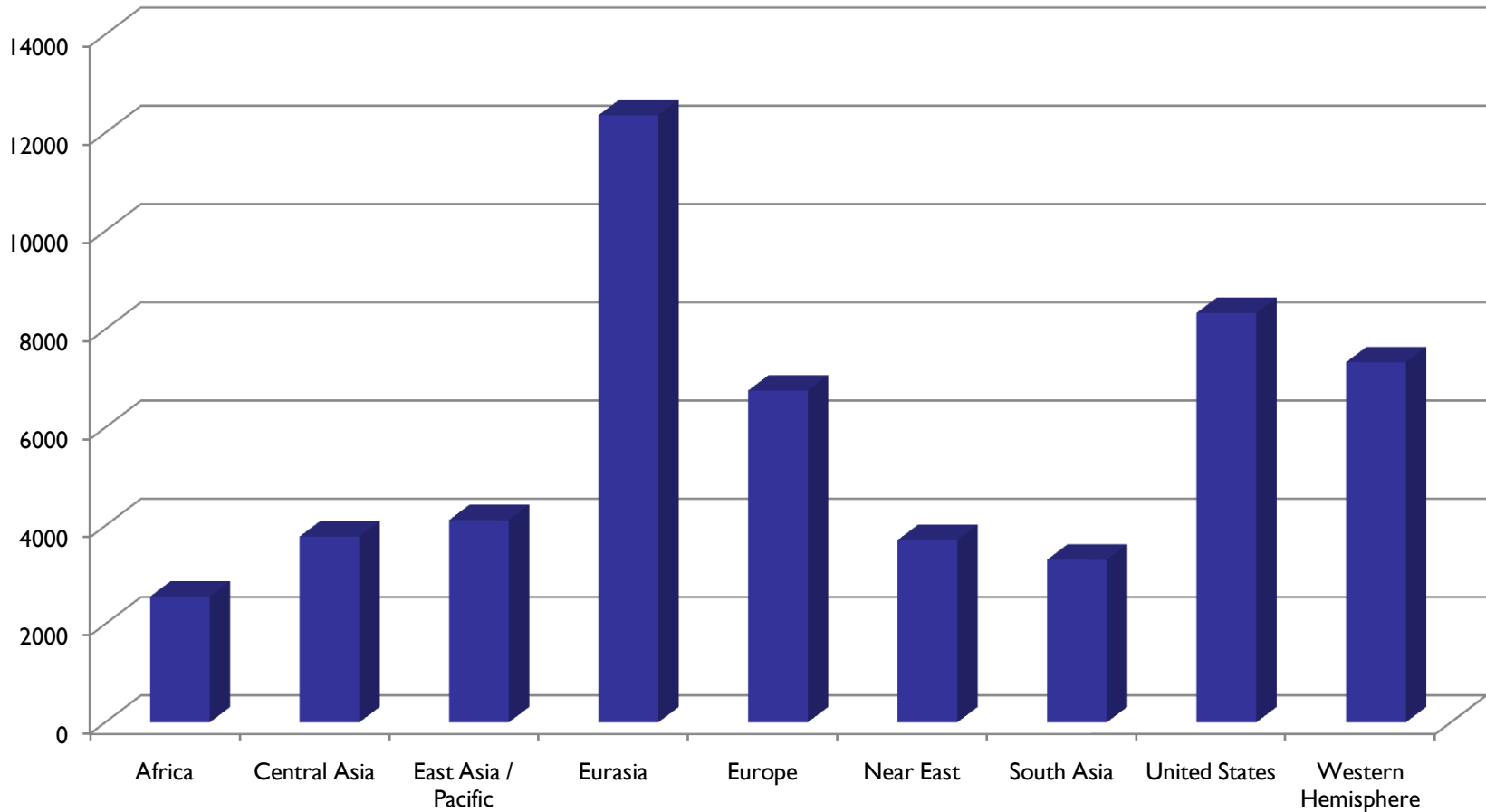
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Growth and Development

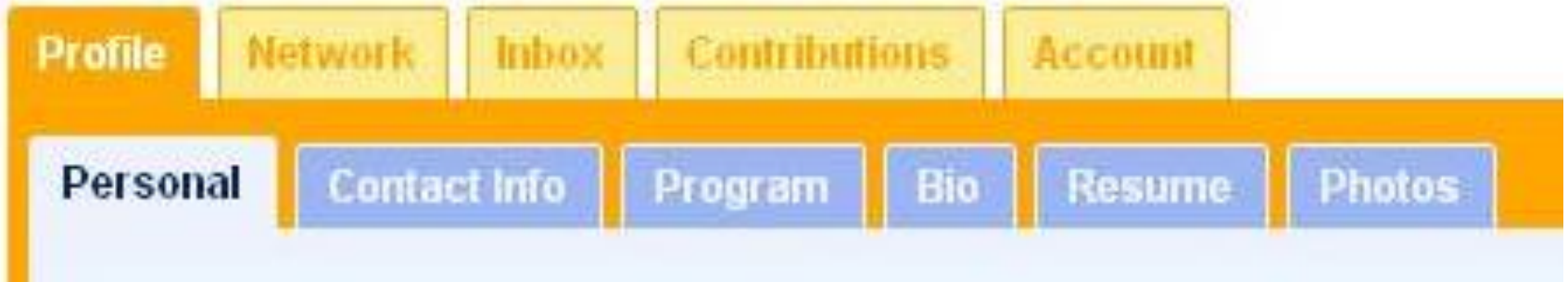


STATE ALUMNI Users (53,700+)



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User Profile Enhancements



- A tabbed profile build-out allows for customizations and Facebook-y control of profile privacy

User Profile Enhancements

Profile Network Inbox Contributions (0) Account Photo Gallery (0) Save Changes

Personal Contact Info Program Bio Resume Photos view my profile as others see it

Lisa Test Profile Is Public
Member Since 2009-08-05

Please update the following form with information about you. Including more information will help other alumni communicate with you.

Prefix ?

First/Given Name * ?

Middle Name ?

Last/Family Name * ?

Suffix ?

Second Last/Family Name ?

Nickname ?

Maiden Name ?

Birth Date * ?

Gender ?

Where are you from? * ?



[Remove Photo](#)

* - required
† - site administrator has set this field to not be visible

Save Changes

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Personal Contact Info Program Bio Resume Photos **view my profile as others see it**

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Please update the following form with information about you. Including more information will help other alumni communicate with you.

Primary Email	<input type="text" value="lisa@lisa.com"/> *†	Permanent Phone	<input type="text"/>
Secondary Email	<input type="text" value="Lisa@kraus.com"/>	Home Phone	<input type="text"/>
Primary Website	<input type="text" value="https://alumni.state.gov"/>	Mobile Phone	<input type="text"/>
ICQ	<input type="text"/>	Alternate Mobile Phone	<input type="text"/>
AIM ID	<input type="text"/>		
MSN ID	<input type="text"/>		
YAHOO ID	<input type="text"/>		

Permanent Address	Home Address
Address <input type="text"/>	Address <input type="text"/>
City <input type="text"/>	City <input type="text"/>
State/Province <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>	State/Province <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>
Country/Territory <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>	Country/Territory <input type="text" value="Please Select"/>
Postal Zone <input type="text"/>	Postal Zone <input type="text"/>

Same Home Address? Yes No

* - required
† - site administrator has set this field to not be visible

Save Changes

view my profile as others see it

Challenge:
Permission structure for
“view my profile as others see it”

Save Changes

User Profile Enhancements

[Save Changes](#)

ProfileNetworkInboxContributions (0)AccountPhoto Gallery (0)

PersonalContact Info**Program**BioResumePhotosview my profile as others see it

Lisa Test
Member Since 2009-08-05

[Profile Is Public](#)

Please update the following form with information about you. Including more information will help other alumni communicate with you.

[Add Program](#)

Program Name:	Fulbright Student Program	Edit
Date:	20050601 -20050801	
Field of Study:	Political Science	
Impact Statement:	I gained exposure to Chilean society, politics, government, military, and so much more. I also had the opportunity to work as an intern at the Insituto del Mujer, studying female migration issues. Plus, I honed my skiing skills, developed a fondness for pisco sours and learned to like reggaeton.	

* - required
† - site administrator has set this field to not be visible

[Save Changes](#)

User Profile Enhancements

Profile Network Inbox Contributions (0) Account Photo Gallery (0) Save Changes

Personal Contact Info Program Bio Resume Photos view my profile as others see it

Lisa Test
Member Since 2009-08-05 **Profile Is Public**

Please update the following form with information about you. Including more information will help other alumni communicate with you.

Write or update your biographical information

B / **I** / **U** [List Bullets] [List Squares] [List Triangles] [Link] [Omega]

Path:

Your Interests

What are your personal interests or hobbies? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Animation	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy	<input type="checkbox"/> Automobiles
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Badminton	<input type="checkbox"/> Beer / Wine	<input type="checkbox"/> Birdwatching
<input type="checkbox"/> Blogging	<input type="checkbox"/> Board games	<input type="checkbox"/> Books & Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Calligraphy
<input type="checkbox"/> Camping & Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/> Card Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Cards, Collecting & Trading	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry
<input type="checkbox"/> Chess	<input type="checkbox"/> Coins & Currency	<input type="checkbox"/> Comics / Manga	<input type="checkbox"/> Computers
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking & Baking	<input type="checkbox"/> Cricket	<input type="checkbox"/> Dancing	<input type="checkbox"/> Diving
<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronics	<input type="checkbox"/> English Teaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Falconry
<input type="checkbox"/> Film	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Football (Soccer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreign Languages

User Profile Enhancements

Profile Network Inbox Contributions (0) Account Photo Gallery (0) Save Changes


Personal Contact Info Program Bio Resume Photos view my profile as others see it

Lisa Test Profile Is Public
Member Since 2009-08-05

Please update the following form with information about you. Including more information will help other alumni communicate with you.

Title International Affairs Professional

Description
International Affairs Professional with web management and editing experience.

Resume  [Lisa M Kraus 8-10-07.pdf](#) [delete resume](#)

* - required
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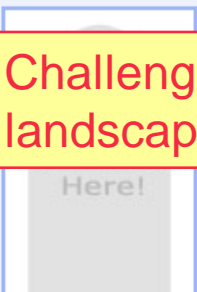
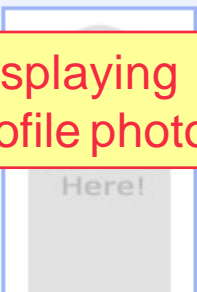






User Profile Enhancements

Profile Network Inbox Contributions (0) Account Photo Gallery (0) Save Changes

Personal Contact Info Program Bio Resume Photos view my profile as others see it

Lisa Test
Member Since 2009-08-05 Profile Is Public

Please upload photos that you would like to share with other alumni.

 My niece Katie Delete Photo	 Jason and Alice Delete Photo	 Here! <input type="text"/> Browse... Enter Caption Here	 Here! <input type="text"/> Browse... Enter Caption Here	 Here! <input type="text"/> Browse... Enter Caption Here
 Your Photo	 Your Photo	 Your Photo	 Your Photo	 Your Photo

Challenge: Displaying landscape-profile photos

User Profile Enhancements

Profile Network **Inbox** Contributions (0) Account Photo Gallery (0) save changes

view my network members as others see them

Lisa Test
Member Since 2009-08-05

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 **Jane Alumna** from Aruba
Fulbright Student Program
Offline

 **John Alumnus** from Aruba
International Visitor Leadership Program
Offline

25

Challenge:
Use of my
and me...

[Send me a message](#)
[Remove From My Network](#)

[Send me a message](#)
[Remove From My Network](#)

User Profile Enhancements

Profile Network **Inbox** Contributions (0) Account Photo Gallery (0)

Messages (3) Invitations (0) [invite a friend to join this website](#)

Lisa Test
Member Since 2009-08-05

New Message Delete 25 ▾

<input type="checkbox"/>	From	Subject	Date	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Alumnus	John Alumnus has accepted your State Alumni network request	2009-08-27 9:50 pm	Read
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jane Alumna	Jane Alumna has accepted your State Alumni network request	2009-08-27 9:47 pm	Unread
<input type="checkbox"/>	Admin Admin	State Alumni Account Verified!	2009-08-27 4:59 pm	Pending
<input type="checkbox"/>	Admin Admin	Welcome to the State Alumni Website!	2009-08-05 10:54 am	Pending

New Message Delete 25 ▾

4 messages

User Profile Enhancements

Profile Network (0) **Contributions (3)** Photo Gallery (0)

Send me a message Add me to your Network

Member Since 21-April-2009

25

Title	Type	Date
2009 Alumni Reunion – Exchange Alumni Discuss Regional Education in Turkmenistan	Alumni News Article	13-August-2009 1:02 am
2009 Alumni Reunion – Exchange Alumni Discuss Regional Education in Turkmenistan	Contribution	13-August-2009 12:56 am
Alumni Reunion 2009	Photo Album	12-August-2009 11:53 pm

25

3 total contributions

User Profile Enhancements

Profile Network Inbox Contributions (0) Account Photo Gallery (0) Save Changes

Update Your Account

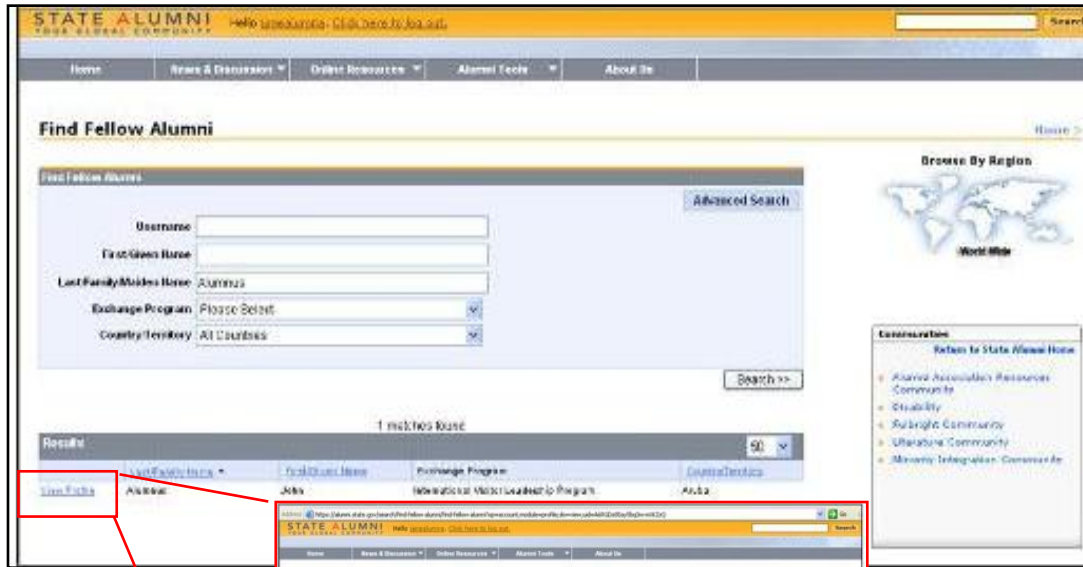
Profile Is Public ?
Member Since 2009-08-05

Password	<input type="password" value="....."/>	*?	Preferred Language	English	?
Confirm Password	<input type="password" value="....."/>	*?	Preferred Timezone	America/Chicago	?
Password Reset Question	Who was your best teacher?	*?	Preferred Date Format	2009-08-28	?
Password Reset Answer	x	*?	Preferred Time Format	6:43 pm	?
Discussion Forum Icon	<input type="text"/> Browse...	?	User agreed to the Terms of Service for use of the State Alumni Web site on 2009-08-05 10:54 am A Fulbright Mail email account was requested for lmk on 2009-08-28 11:43 pm		

Privacy & Contact Settings

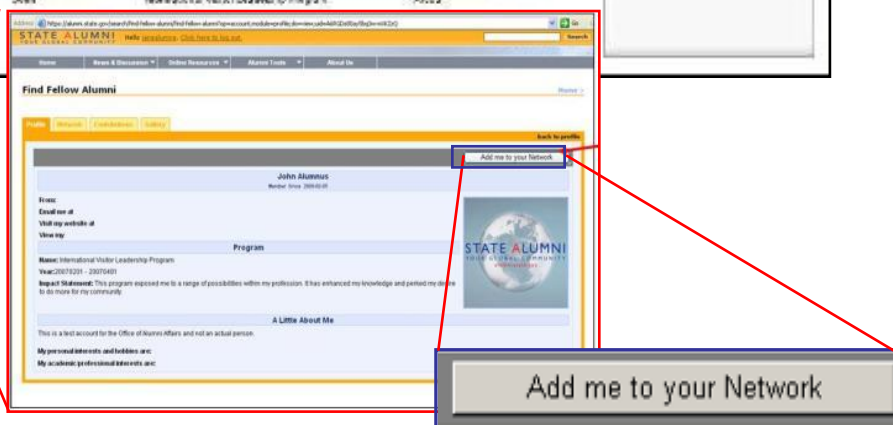
Make Profile Private ? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Allow private messages ? <input checked="" type="radio"/> From all State Alumni members <input type="radio"/> From no one <input type="radio"/> From my network members only
Embassy & Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs ? <input checked="" type="radio"/> May contact me <input type="radio"/> May not contact me	Share photos ? <input checked="" type="radio"/> With all State Alumni members <input type="radio"/> With no one <input type="radio"/> With my network members only
Networking ? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Display email address in profile ? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Display My Network To Others ? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	

Networking How-To



Find Fellow Alumni: Search and Advanced Search

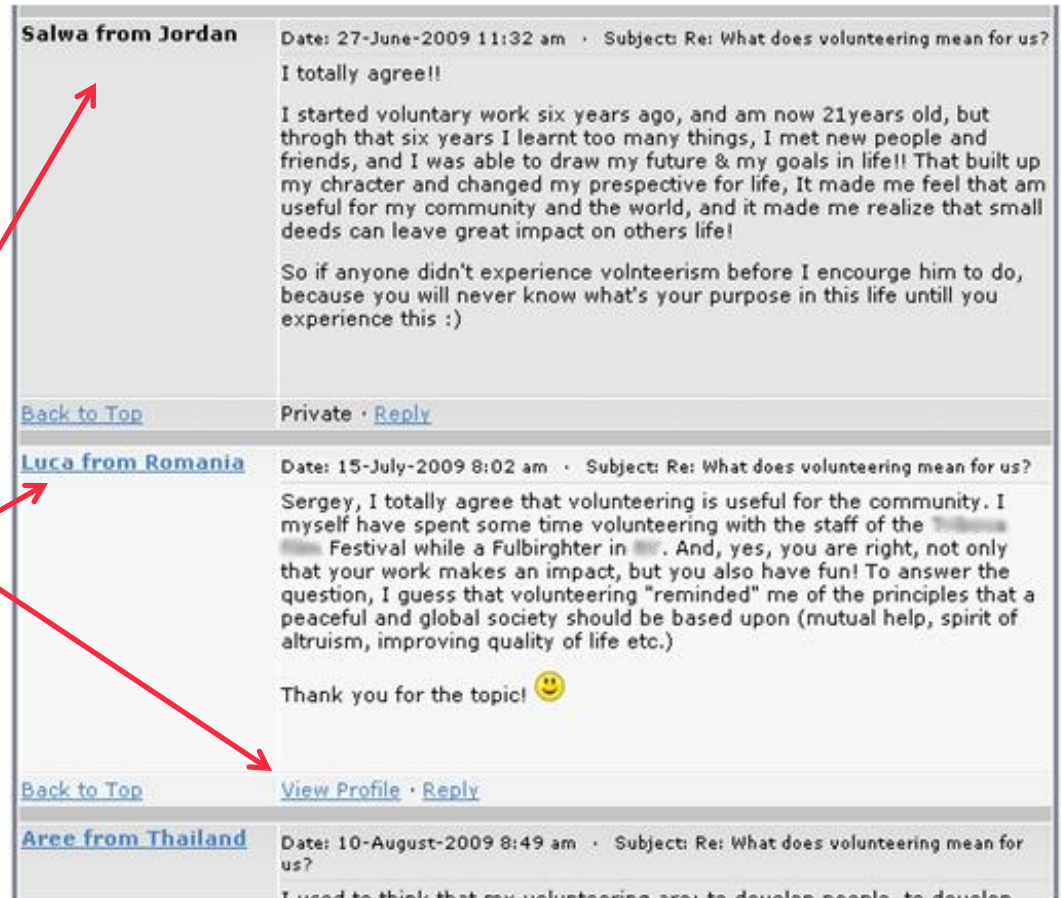
- View public profiles
- Add them to your network
- Send messages



Encouraging Use

Displaying user profile information with all user-submitted content

- Careful handling of private profiles
- Easy, obvious links
- Consistent treatment of names: [first name] from [country]



The screenshot displays a forum thread with three posts. Each post includes the user's name and country, the date and time of the post, and the subject line. The first post is from Salwa from Jordan, dated 27-June-2009 11:32 am, with the subject 'Re: What does volunteering mean for us?'. The second post is from Luca from Romania, dated 15-July-2009 8:02 am, with the subject 'Re: What does volunteering mean for us?'. The third post is from Aree from Thailand, dated 10-August-2009 8:49 am, with the subject 'Re: What does volunteering mean for us?'. Each post has a 'Back to Top' link and a 'Reply' link. The first post also has a 'Private' link. Red arrows point from the text on the left to the user names in the forum posts.

Salwa from Jordan	Date: 27-June-2009 11:32 am · Subject: Re: What does volunteering mean for us? I totally agree!! I started voluntary work six years ago, and am now 21years old, but through that six years I learnt too many things, I met new people and friends, and I was able to draw my future & my goals in life!! That built up my character and changed my perspective for life, It made me feel that am useful for my community and the world, and it made me realize that small deeds can leave great impact on others life! So if anyone didn't experience volunteerism before I encourage him to do, because you will never know what's your purpose in this life until you experience this :)
Back to Top	Private · Reply
Luca from Romania	Date: 15-July-2009 8:02 am · Subject: Re: What does volunteering mean for us? Sergey, I totally agree that volunteering is useful for the community. I myself have spent some time volunteering with the staff of the Yukon Festival while a Fulbrighter in USA . And, yes, you are right, not only that your work makes an impact, but you also have fun! To answer the question, I guess that volunteering "reminded" me of the principles that a peaceful and global society should be based upon (mutual help, spirit of altruism, improving quality of life etc.) Thank you for the topic! 😊
Back to Top	View Profile · Reply
Aree from Thailand	Date: 10-August-2009 8:49 am · Subject: Re: What does volunteering mean for us? I used to think that my volunteering was: to develop people, to develop



Personalized Account Box

- Displayed prominently on home page
 - Planned improvement: make the profile box part of second- and third-level page layouts
- Network members and potential network members displayed
- Encouragement to find others

Safe Social Networking

All must agree to a **disclaimer** in order to invite a friend to join his/her network or to accept a network request from another.

Profile Network (0) Contributions (0) Photo Gallery (0) [back to site](#)

Mrs. Lisa Mulholland
Member Since 7-January-2008

Add to Network

You are adding **Mrs. Lisa Mulholland** to your network.
The following message will be sent along with your invitation:

Mrs. Lisa Mulholland,
I would like you to join my network of friends on State Alumni.
Thanks,
Lisa

I understand that by inviting this member to join my network, he/she will be able to view my profile and send me messages.

Safe Social Networking

Privacy & Contact Account Settings:

- Make profile private (yes/no)
- Embassy & Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (May contact me / May not contact me)
- Networking (yes/no)
- Display My Network to Others (yes/no)
- Allow private messages (from all / no one / my network only)
- *Send private messages to my external email address (yes/no) – coming in 7.7*
- Share photos (with all / no one / my network only)
- Display email address in profile (yes/no)

Safe Social Networking

Users with private profiles may still participate in social networking, however:

- If their profile is private, others will not be able to see it and invite them to join their network.
- If a user with a private profile invites another user to join his/her network, that user will then be able to view the profile – functions as “friends only.”
- If a third party user views another’s network, users that they do not have permission to view will be displayed as “Participant from Country X.”

Questions?

The logo for State Alumni is positioned at the bottom of the slide. It features a stylized globe in the background with latitude and longitude lines. The text "STATE ALUMNI" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with the letter "A" in red. Below this, the tagline "YOUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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