

UVU Department of History and Political Science and Orem-Lindon Rotary Club

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A COMMON GOAL



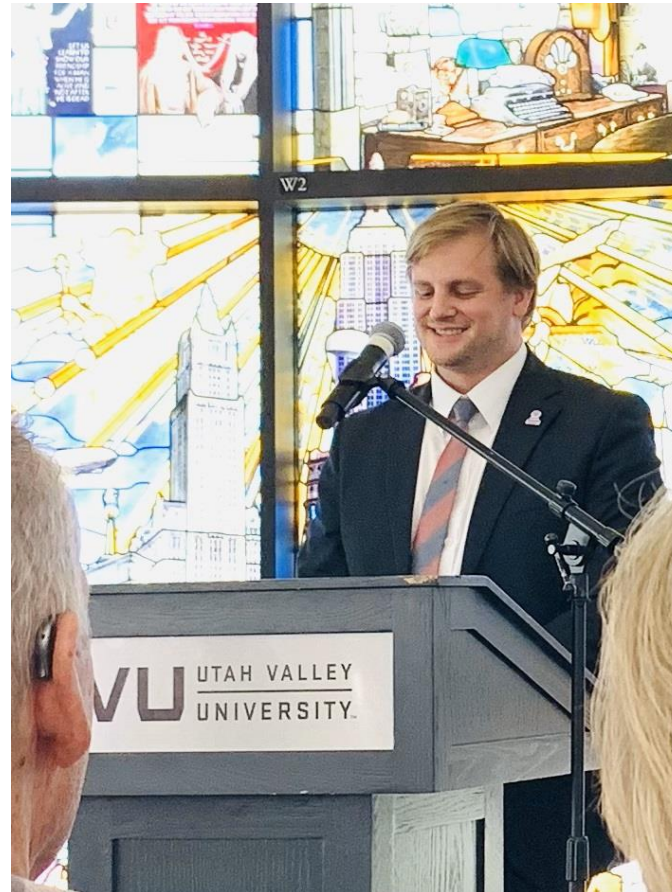
...provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Student Clubs: Promoting UVU Student Involvement in Service Projects



UIMF Mission Statement

To promote the sustainability of the mountain environments and livelihoods through youth efforts, and community-engaged learning both locally and globally through advocacy, networking, knowledge sharing, and exchanges of best practices.



Stephan Atkinson, current President of UIMF speaks during the World Polio Day observation at UVU, October 24, 2023

UVU Student Clubs: Promoting UVU Student Involvement in Service Projects



Core of the inclusive Student Engaged Learning (SEL) model to involve both traditional and non-traditional students in advocacy for Sustainable Mountain Development (SMD).

Founding clubs:
Foreign Affairs Club,
UVU Model UN,
Sustainable Mountain Development Club

**UVU Rotaract, a student club of Rotary International,
joined UIMF in 2019.**



Carter Darger,
President of the UVU Rotaract

UVU Rotaract and the Orem-Lindon Rotary Club

Department of History and Political Science support for UVU Rotaract activities:

- ▶ World Polio Day Observations;
- ▶ International Mountain Days;
- ▶ Fundraising activities;
- ▶ Coats and dictionaries for elementary schools in Orem;
- ▶ Tree plantings in Orem and Lindon parks;
- ▶ Summerfest Pancake breakfasts for local communities in Orem;



**END
POLIO
NOW**




11 December

**International
MOUNTAIN DAY**



2015 United Nations Women of the Mountains Conference

United Nations A/71/256

 **General Assembly**

Distr.: General
29 July 2016
Original: English

Seventy-first session
Item 19 (j) of the provisional agenda*
Sustainable development

Sustainable mountain development
Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

Mountain and upland areas have a universal importance: they provide water and other global goods and services to humanity. However, mountain ecosystems are highly vulnerable to climate change, extreme weather events and land degradation and recover slowly from disasters and shocks. In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Member States pledged to leave no one behind and stressed the importance of reaching those furthest behind first. Mountain communities in developing countries are particularly vulnerable and require special attention, given that one in three people in those areas is at risk of hunger and malnutrition.

To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the targets relating to mountains as well as to poverty, hunger, sustainable agriculture, climate change and gender equality, there is a need to prioritize mountain areas by focusing on the specific challenges they face and the opportunities they provide. Mountain-specific policies and the inclusion of mountain communities in decision-making processes and capacity development can improve the livelihoods of communities while also conserving and restoring mountain ecosystems. In particular, efforts should be made to increase scientific knowledge of mountains and collect disaggregated data for sound analysis, policy advice and, ultimately, for change.

39. The Utah International Mountain Forum hosted the fourth International Women of the Mountains Conference at Utah Valley University in October 2015 to address the critical issues faced by women and children living in mountainous regions across the globe and provide a forum to discuss gender equality. The outcome document contained the following observations:³


(a) Goal 5 could be achieved through strong support for improving women's rights and welfare, including women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life;



(b) Successful implementation of target 6.6 could be achieved by supporting the vital role that women play in the protection of the environment and water sources, particularly as custodians of traditional knowledge that builds resilience and allows for adaptation to climate change;

(c) With respect to target 15.1, women play a critical role in joint planning as promoters of innovation, development and cooperation for common benefit.

* A/71/150.

3 "The final document of the fourth International Women of the Mountains Conference". Available from www.womenofthemountains.org/images/2015/16-03-31-WOMC-Finalized.pdf.

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- ▶ Hosted by UIMF at UVU under the SEL Model
- ▶ Highlighted Utah's model of sustainable development
- ▶ Over 100 UN officials, diplomats, and experts on gender issues
- ▶ Featured in UN Secretary General's Report on Sustainable Mountain Development



UVU Students Promoting the Utah Model of Economic Development at the UN

Seventy-fourth session
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Covering 27 per cent of the world's surface, mountains are key ecosystems that provide humanity with essential goods and services such as water, food, biodiversity and energy. However, mountain ecosystems are vulnerable to natural disasters, climate-related events and unsustainable resource use. Mountains are home to about 1.1 billion people who are among the world's poorest; half of rural mountain dwellers face food insecurity. Access to services and infrastructure is lower in the highlands than in other areas. Mountain communities are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of natural hazards because of their high dependence on agriculture (encompassing crops, livestock, fisheries, aquaculture and forestry) as their primary source of livelihood. Alone or in combination, these factors make living in mountain areas increasingly difficult and they are often adverse drivers that compel people to migrate. Identifying new and sustainable livelihood opportunities and adopting practices that build the resilience of people and environments in mountain areas is an urgent requirement for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The present report includes some recommendations on actions to accelerate progress towards sustainable mountain development.

42. The Utah International Mountain Forum helped to raise global awareness of issues affecting mountain women at the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters in March 2018. Also at that session, the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, the Mountain Institute and Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce, all Mountain Partnership members, submitted a joint statement.

* A/74/150.

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- ▶ Promoting Utah's SMD model at the UN Commission on the Status of Women since 2019.
- ▶ Inclusive co-curricular SEL initiative
 - Traditional and Non-traditional students.
- ▶ Highlighted in the UN Secretary General's Report on SMD in 2019
- ▶ Generous support of Orem-Lindon Rotarians.

THANK YOU

First UVU Rotaractor at CSW 63



- ▶ UIMF hosted a parallel event titled *“Student Engaged Learning to Empower Mountain Women and Girls.”*



- ▶ Hannah Bieker, UVU Rotaractor contributed to the CSW63 activities.



UIMF delegation with Hannah Bieker, UVU Rotaractor outside United Nations Headquarters during the 63rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women ,
March 2019

UVU Rotaractors Advocacy for SMD at CSW65

**VIRTUAL
NGO CSW
FORUM 65**

65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women
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Parallel Event
**Mountain Women Empowerment Through the Inclusive
Student-Engaged Learning Model**
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Presenters

Dr. Baldomero Lago, Utah Valley University	Dr. Rusty Butler, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences
Clark Merkley, Orem Rotary	Abdulrahman Alghanmi, Member, UVU Rotaract
Dallas Karren, Vice-President, UIMF	Byan Alghanmi, Member, UIMF
Cody Conklin, Member, UIMF	Yana Anderson, President, UVU Rotaract
Samuel Elzinga, President, UIMF	Liam Dowling, Member, UIMF
Jeff Hibbard, Vice-President, Foreign Affairs	Sarah Michaelis, Member, UIMF

Support Team

Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev, Utah Valley University	Carlos Alarco, Utah Valley University
Amy Barnett, UVU Office of Engaged Learning	Albeny Singh, Member, UIMF
Marissa Funke, Member, UIMF	

Date: March 22nd
Time: 6am-7:30am MST
Location: Livestream Via UIMF Facebook Page

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UVU Rotaractors hosted a parallel event at CSW65
UVU Rotaract was recognized as

Club of the year
by Rotary District 5420.

UVU Rotaractors Promote Utah and SMD at CSW67



NGO CSW67 FORUM
Empowering Mountain Women through Inclusive Student-Engaged Learning Educational Initiative
Church Center of the United Nations, 8th Floor
Monday, March 6th 2023 2:30pm EST

Presenting Speakers

Dr. Rusty Butler - Russian Academy of Natural Science
Dr. Baldomero Lago - CIO/Vice-Rector for Utah Valley University (UVU) Office for Global Engagement
Stephanie Velasco - Utah Rotary District Rotaract Chair
Tristin Juarez-Smith - UVU Rotaract President
Stephan Atkinson - UVU Rotaractor
Samantha Davis - UVU Rotaractor
Rachel Welker - UVU Rotaractor
Mary Cisneros - UIMF Member
Chandler Davis - UVU Rotaractor
Smith Griggs - UVU Rotaractor
Alex Jessop - Utah State University Student
Jake Lamoreaux - UVU Rotaractor
Laila Mitchell - UVU Rotaractor
Maren Ostlund - UVU Rotaractor
Camilla Pendleton - UVU Rotaractor
Chance Simons - UVU Rotaractor
Natalie Williams - UVU Rotaractor

Wendy Jyang - Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development & Commerce
Dr. Jay DeSart - Chair, History and Political Science
Priyanka Prem Kumar - Sustainable Food Systems Research Analyst
Alitha Thompson - Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) President
McKay Brooks - UVU Rotaract Vice President
Joshua Kooyman - UVU Rotaractor
Hendrix Bailey - UVU Rotaractor
Brittain Corbett - UVU Rotaractor
Winnie Jada - UVU Rotaractor
Lisa Jones - UVU Rotaractor
Emmanuel Omaria - UVU Rotaractor
Sophia Pang - Youth Volunteer Leader
Rusden Scott - UVU Rotaractor
Nikki Smith - UVU Rotaractor
Handen Torsak - UVU Rotaractor
Carter Darger - UVU Rotaractor

Faculty Mentors

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Amy Barnett - Program Director, Global Events and Hosting, Office for Global Engagement
Scott Thompson - Technical Manager
Elsa Hintz - Videographer

Administrative support

YouTube Livestream at: tinyurl.com/UtahIMF

- ▶ 24 Rotaractors presented at a parallel event at CSW67
- ▶ Capstone project in the *Globalization and Sustainable Development* class
- Presented comparative research on SMD, education, and the empowerment women and girls worldwide
- Student handled *all*
 - Promotion and event logistics
 - Fundraising from the Orem-Lindon Rotary Club, as well as other UVU sources.



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Opportunities for Future Cooperation

Student Engaged Learning model

- Integrate into more courses to develop practical skills
- Course about the role of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), like Rotary International, in the implementation of sustainable development goals.
- Global Politics Minor
- Take the SEL model *International*
 - Cooperation with academic institutions in Kyrgyz Republic.