The spring season has been filled with activity! Below are some highlights.

**The 2018 Cohort has Arrived!**

The 2018 Jaffe Cohort is already immersed in NYC schools! After spending days visiting a variety of schools from Marble Hill School of International Studies that was founded by PCFP alumni to Stuyvesant High School, one of the most selective schools in New York City, the Jaffe Fellows are becoming familiar with the largest school system in the country.

Themes for this year’s Intensive Summer Institute (ISI) include storytelling, acting for teachers, creating communities of philosophical inquiry, conducting self-archeology, culturally responsive pedagogy and building community.

In addition, for the first time, the entire cohort will attend the Teachers College Reimagining Education Conference with Professor Sealey-Ruiz to focus on teaching and learning so that all students reap the multiple educational benefits of diversity.

**Meeting the South African Peace Corps Country Director**

Heading to South Africa for a family reunion, I passed through Pretoria, the nation’s capital, to meet with the Peace Corps Country Director Ron Campbell. Mr. Campbell served in Vanuatu and has been a Country Director in Swaziland and South Africa multiple times.

Mr. Campbell expressed a great admiration for the art of great teaching and the goal of our Program, to prepare RPCV teachers to teach NYC students. We spoke extensively about the unique opportunities for the Jaffe Peace Corps Fellows as they join two learning communities, one at their schools where they quickly emerge as educational leaders. The second is at Teachers College where both the academic departments and the Peace Corps Fellows Program promote social justice and academic progress.
Visiting the Rubin Museum

Every month, the Jaffe Fellows meet for a seminar at Teachers College or a cultural institution. In April, the Jaffe Fellows selected to visit the Rubin Museum featuring art and cultures of the Himalayas, India and neighboring regions. On a guided tour, the Fellows learned about educational opportunities for students and explored some of the exhibits about Buddhism.

Farewell to Alexandria Hill

Alexandria Hill, the Jaffe Peace Corps Fellows Program Assistant has graduated with her master’s degree in international education. Alexandria was actively involved in planning events, writing reports and helping in countless ways. As an RPCV who served in Mongolia, Alexandria showed her enthusiasm for the PCFP throughout her year with us. Thank you, Alexandria!

PCFP Volunteering at Harlem Grown

On June second, the Jaffe Peace Corps Fellows Program participated in our second annual day of volunteering at Harlem Grown. Alumni, current Fellows and friends of the Program planted tomatoes, aerated compost, fed chickens and had a great time!
To find about the following, please contact the PCFP Director Elaine at esp2012@tc.columbia.edu:

Attending the Intensive Summer Institute
Workshops during July and August are open to alumni as well as current Jaffe Fellows. Offerings include workshops on restorative justice, building communities of philosophical inquiry, promoting creativity in the classroom, global perspectives on social justice as well as classroom engagement and management.

The Jaffe Peace Corps Fellows Program Book
The first edition of our free PCFP book entitled, “From Peace Corps to Teachers College to NYC Classrooms” has been published! Interested in adding your story to Volume Two? Please submit your story by October first.

Enrichment Grants
Jaffe Grants for alumni and current Jaffe Fellows of up to $500 are available for both enrichment projects and service learning. Applicants will be notified about the award three weeks after the application is submitted.

Cell Phone Wallet - We have free PCFP cell phone wallets.

Donating Items If you are interested in donating small soaps and other toiletries to PS 197, please bring them to the PCFP office. We collect items throughout the year.

Alumni News?
If you have professional or personal news you would like to share in the upcoming newsletters, please send it along!

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**BBQ, 2018!**

The 2018 BBQ was a great opportunity to meet with old friends and welcome the new Jaffe Fellows to the community!