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N E W S R E L E A S E

The Future of International Service

Aaron S. Williams, Director, Peace Corps
Kevin F. F. Quigley, President, National Peace Corps Association

Sunday, November 21 / 3:00 p.m. / Free
UCSB Campbell Hall

S U M M A R Y F A C T S

- **Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps**
- **Aaron S. Williams, Director of the Peace Corps**
- **Kevin F. F. Quigley, President of the National Peace Corps Association**
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Event Description

On the cusp of the agency's 50th anniversary, Peace Corps Director Aaron S. Williams (Dominican Republic, 67-70) will address the future of international service opportunities and the significance of the Peace Corps mission to promote world peace and friendship. The agency's mission has not changed since it was created on March 1, 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. Additionally, Director Williams will discuss some of the innovative programs that the nearly 8,500 Americans serving as Peace Corps volunteers overseas in 77 countries are working on today.

Kevin F. F. Quigley, President, National Peace Corps Association (Thailand, 76-79) will discuss how the Peace Corps community is using this golden anniversary as an opportunity to renew the agency. In particular, he will outline plans for a robust effort to bring the world home and to create a place near the National Mall that commemorates the Peace Corps and the values of service and understanding upon which it was founded. He will also describe opportunities for all who value the Peace Corps to be involved in these efforts.

Speaker Profiles

Aaron S. Williams

Aaron S. Williams was sworn in as the eighteenth Director of the Peace Corps on August 24, 2009. Nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U. S. Senate on August 7, 2009, Mr. Williams is the fourth director in the Peace Corps' history to have served as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Mr. Williams served as a Volunteer from 1967 to 1970, first in a training program for rural school teachers in the small town of Monte Plata, Dominican Republic, and extended his service for a third year to work as a professor of teaching methods at the Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra in Santiago. Upon completing his service, he became the coordinator of minority recruitment and project evaluation officer for the Peace Corps in his hometown of Chicago (1970–1971).

Mr. Williams has pursued a career in the development and implementation of worldwide assistance programs. Mr. Williams was a vice president for International Business Development with RTI International. He was a senior manager at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he attained the rank of Career Minister in the U.S. Senior Foreign Service. He also served as executive vice president of the International Youth Foundation.

As USAID Mission Director in South Africa, Mr. Williams led a billion dollar foreign assistance program during President Nelson Mandela's administration. In addition, he has extensive experience in the design and management of assistance programs in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He was awarded the USAID Distinguished Career Service Award, and was twice awarded the Presidential Award for Distinguished Service.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and he was a member of the USAID Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid. He served on the Obama-Biden transition team, the advisory board of the Ron Brown Scholar Program, the board of directors of CARE, and the boards of the Institute for Sustainable Communities, the Pan American Development Foundation, and the National Peace Corps Association.

Mr. Williams is fluent in Spanish. He is a graduate of Chicago State University, and has an MBA from the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Williams met his wife Rosa during his service as a Volunteer in the Dominican Republic. They have two sons, Michael and Steven.

Kevin F. F. Quigley

Kevin F. F. Quigley, Ph.D., leads the National Peace Corps Association, a national membership organization for individuals influenced by the Peace Corps experience, whose mission is to foster peace through service, education and advocacy. Kevin's overriding interest is in how non-governmental organizations work together with governments and corporations to address pressing social needs. He has held senior positions in civil society and government, as well as various research institutions. These include acting CEO of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, Executive Director of the Global Alliance for Workers and Communities, Vice President of Policy and Business at the Asia Society and Director of Public Policy at the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Kevin was previously Vice Chairman of USAID's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Assistance, Legislative Director to Senator John Heinz, Budget Examiner and Presidential Management Intern in the Office of Management and Budget and a Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand. Kevin has been a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Fulbright Senior Specialist, Guest Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Resident Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and a U.S.-Japan Leadership Fellow at the Keidanren in Tokyo. In addition to being the author of *For Democracy's Sake*, he has published on a broad array of international issues here and abroad in newspapers, magazines, and edited volumes.

Kevin serves on numerous boards related to international development issues and is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations. He is adjunct faculty at the School of Public and International Affairs at George Mason University, a member of the board of the American University of Afghanistan, and past board member of Swarthmore College.

He holds degrees from Georgetown University, Columbia University, University College Dublin and Swarthmore College.

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