

FALL 2023

HUMPHREY CONNECTIONS



BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



**Humphrey
Fellowship**
A Fulbright Exchange Program



THE HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Cohorts of Fellows specializing in designated fields are hosted by universities chosen for their academic excellence in those fields and for other support they offer. Fellows pursue an intensive, semi-structured program focused on:



Professional
Advancement



Collaboration with
U.S. Counterparts



Leadership
Development



Intercultural
Exchange

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was established in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter to honor the late Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and his life-long commitment to international cooperation and public service. The program invites experienced professionals from designated countries to spend a year in the U.S. preparing to address several of the most compelling development issues in the world today. Humphrey Fellows are selected based on their leadership potential, commitment to public service, and professional expertise. Today's Humphrey Fellow alumni network comprises over 6,000 influential leaders worldwide. This is a Fulbright exchange activity, primarily funded by Congress and administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) at the U.S. Department of State, with administrative assistance provided by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

THE PROGRAM AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY



Boston University has operated as a host campus since the Program's inception in 1978. The Questrom School of Business serves as the program's administrative home at BU, where all eleven 2023-2024 fellows specialize in banking and finance or economic development. Under the guidance of program coordinators and faculty advisors, fellows pursue individualized programs of non-degree, graduate level coursework, independent research, special seminars and colloquia, and six-week, professional affiliations related to their respective fields. The Humphrey Fellowship Program has contributed to BU's development into one of the world's most globally connected private universities, where more than 7,000 international students live and study. As of 2023, the BU Humphrey alumni network exceeds 500 members in over 125 countries

MEET THE 2023-2024 HUMPHREY FELLOWS



Seçil Çoşkun
Turkey
Finance & Banking



Aneela Devi
Pakistan
Finance & Banking



Baako Badou Helene
Cote d'Ivoire
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Zoltan Elek
Hungary
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Fred Adomako-Ansah
Ghana
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Bolivia
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**CLICK ON THE FELLOWS' PHOTOS TO
READ THEIR BIOS AND LEARN MORE
ABOUT THEM!**



Rabiul Hossain
Bangladesh
Economic
Development



Maruška Vizek
Croatia
Economic
Development



Bumjeon Kim
South Korea
Economic
Development



Tõnis Reinik
Estonia
Finance & Banking



Faisal Mansoor
Pakistan
Finance & Banking

HUMPHREY FELLOW'S ORIENTATION



From Sunday, August 13 - Friday, September 1, we welcomed the 2023-2024 cohort of BU Humphrey Fellows to Boston! During our three week orientation, we focused on familiarizing the fellows with the BU Charles River Campus and all the resources available around the city.



Dr. Yoo Jin Chung kicked off our orientation by introducing the Questrom School of Business, including a brief history and the types of resources the fellows could utilize during their time at BU. On a beautiful summer day, our wonderful group of host families met the new cohort for the first time at the Charles River Esplanade! Other highlights include touring the city of Boston with the Boston Duck Tours with MIT fellows, cleaning up the Charles River Esplanade with the Esplanade Association, and holding our team-building exercise with Dr. Paul Hutchinson at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA)!

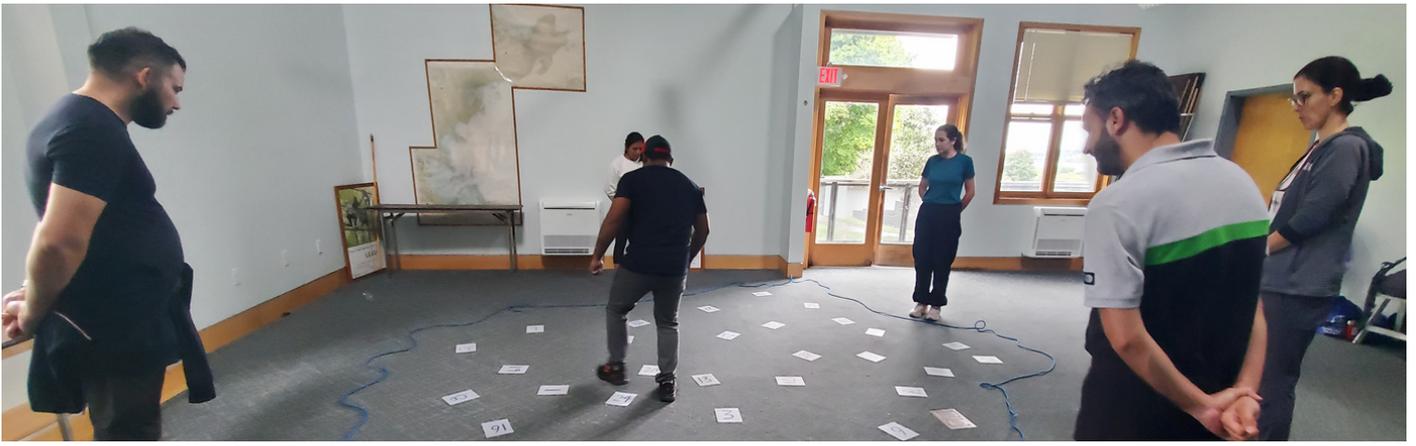




OUTWARD BOUND PROFESSIONALS



On August 30, fellows enjoyed an all day team-building retreat at the Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center, led by Ellen Harris, Director and Facilitator at Thompson Island. Facilitators took the fellows (and staff!) through a series of challenges, including problem-solving initiatives and reflection tools. Each task stimulated creativity, fostered innovation, and developed the cohort as a team through active learning.



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HUMPHREY SEMINARS



On September 6, fellows had their first Humphrey Seminar with our Faculty Director, Dr. Yoo Jin Chung. Fellows discussed cultural identity, perceptions, and how diversity makes us smarter. After a fruitful discussion, Yoo Jin introduced their first assignment: My Humphrey Year Presentation.

On September 12, IIE and ECA visited Boston to meet the 45th cohort. Nnenna Ofobike-Lewis, Academic Exchange Specialist with the U.S. Department of State, along with Peter Moran, PhD, Director of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship, met with fellows to answer any questions they had about the program!



On September 12, fellows visited the BUild Lab IDG Capital Student Innovation Center. Jen Migliore, Director of External Relations, spoke to the fellows about the different resources available and how to stay engaged. Ian Mashiter, Interim Executive Director and Director of Curriculum, also spoke to the fellows and has been a longstanding partner of the program by supervising many fellow's PAs.



On September 15, fellows were introduced to resources in order to create a resume within the U.S. standards. Misty Start, Senior Director of Career Services and Strategy at Questrom, took fellows through a workshop to help discover skillsets they can utilize to improve their current resumes.

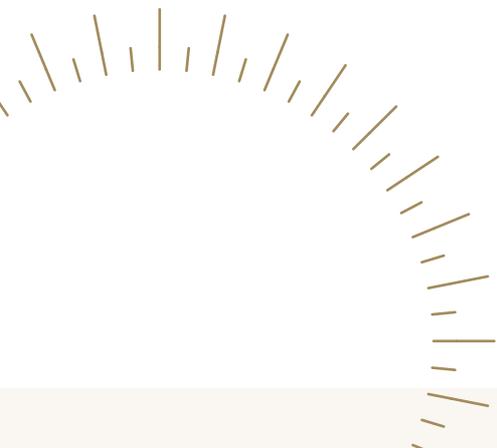


MY HUMPHREY YEAR PRESENTATIONS

On September 20 and 22, fellows had their very first presentation opportunity to present "My Humphrey Year". These short and creative presentations allow fellows to share their personal leadership goals during their Humphrey fellowship program as well as receive feedback from their cohort and coordinators!



MY HUMPHREY YEAR PRESENTATIONS





2023-2024 WELCOME RECEPTION

On September 26, we held our annual Welcome Reception on campus. Dr. Susan Fournier, Dean of the Questrom School of Business, officially welcomed the 2023-2024 cohort to Boston University. In attendance were fellows' professors, advisors, BU staff, MIT Humphrey Fellows, orientation speakers, Humphrey Seminar speakers, and host families. Fellows individually introduced themselves to the audience to share their program goals with our partners. It was a beautiful and eventful night!

On September 27, the fellows visited the BU Global Development Policy Center. Dr. Bill Kring introduced the research initiatives led by the GDP Center, and projects Humphrey Alumni have collaborated on in the past. The GDP Center are long-term partners of the partners and have hosted several Humphrey fellows in the past for PAs.



On October 11, Misty Start returned to provide fellows a workshop on LinkedIn and Networking in the U.S.! The seminar took fellows step by step on how to curate their LinkedIn profiles to best attract people's attention when browsing through their profiles.

On October 13, as part of the discussion on strategic communication, Prof. Jennifer Mandolese introduced the techniques of storytelling and helped develop effective presentation skills. Fellows had an opportunity to practice a TED Talk styled pitch and receive feedback from Prof. Mandolese and the cohort.



Hanson's Farm

BU Humphrey Fellows Social Outing

On October 15, BU Humphrey Fellows, alumni, staff, and host families came together for a fun afternoon at Hanson's Farm in Framingham, MA! Fellows were able to experience a true New England activity riding on a hay ride, walking through a corn maze, and picking pumpkins! It was a beautiful afternoon enjoying the sights outside the city!



WASHINGTON, DC

The Global Leadership Forum



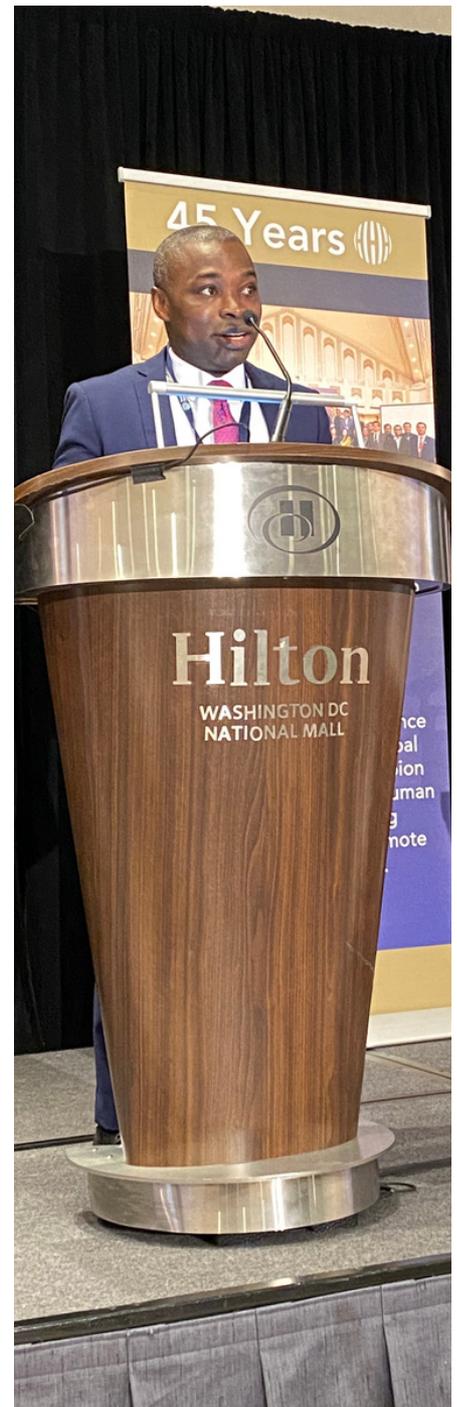
Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27

From October 23 – 27, fellows attended the Global Leadership Forum in Washington, DC.

On Monday afternoon, fellows attended a welcome dinner with opening remarks from Kelsi Ward Molowa from the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and Justice Maria Filomena “Monette” Singh, Associate Justice with the Supreme Court of the Republic of Philippines. From Tuesday through Thursday, Fellows participated in several workshops; attended regional breakout sessions; and heard from a wide variety of distinguished speakers on important topics such as Human Rights, Economic Development, and DEI initiatives. Baako Badou Helene from Cote d’Ivoire represented BU as she was one of a select few panelists speaking on the Humphrey Perspectives Panel: Advancing Societal and Institutional Capacity!

To close GLF, Fred Adomako-Ansah had the honor of introducing the final speaker, H.E. Hajia Alima Mahama, Ambassador of Ghana to the United States, as well as former 1999-2000 Humphrey Fellow from Rutgers University.

On Friday, fellows were invited to the World Bank to meet Mahesh Uttamchandani, Practice Manager at the WBG, to learn about current projects he is working on in his department.



On October 18, Yoo Jin held a seminar on providing effective feedback. The session put a specific emphasis on how to manage difficult conversations at work. The fellows were engaged in case studies to critically assess their own feedback skills and discussed how to create transparent feedback culture.



On November 11, Questrom's Center for DEI returned for their second session since orientation. Fellows were instructed to complete an Intercultural Awareness Assessment to be able to compare their individual results to a group result.



CLASS VISIT

MO460: The Leadership Challenge



FELLOWS OPENED THE SESSION WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM

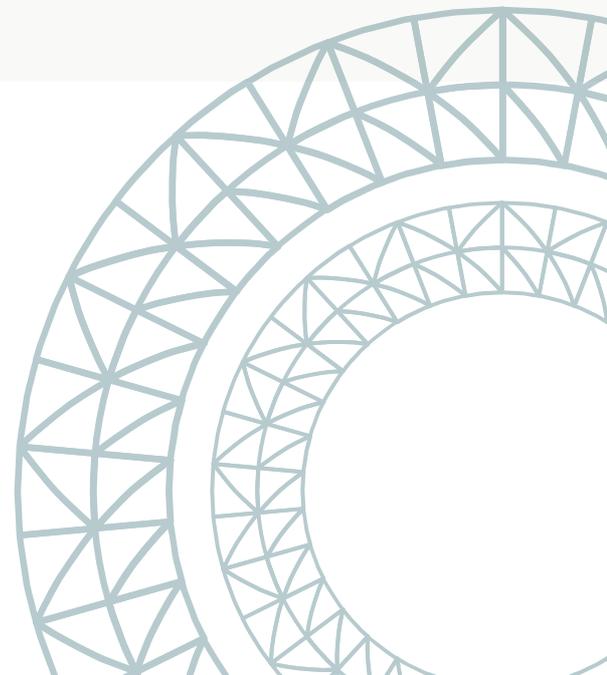


INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF LEADERSHIP



THE SESSION ENDED WITH BREAKOUT GROUPS TO REFLECT ON LEADERSHIP

On November 9, BU Humphrey Fellows surprised undergraduate students in the MO460: The Leadership Challenge class at Questrom to speak as global leaders representatives. Fellows organized and coordinated presentations and breakouts to discuss different challenges when becoming a global leader. It was an extremely engaging conversation among global leaders and future leaders of the world!



BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE



BHCC has been the Associate Campus partner to the BU Humphrey Fellowship program since 2012. The Associate Campus Partnership is a component of HFP which establishes alliances between existing Humphrey host campuses and community colleges. These alliances benefit both institutions, offering Humphrey Fellows opportunities to engage with faculty, students, and Americans beyond those of their host campuses.

On November 13, fellows spent the morning off campus at Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC), the Associate Campus Partner of the BU Humphrey Fellowship Program! Dr. Kathleen O'Neill, Director of the BHCC Single Stop program, led fellows on a tour of the campus, giving fellows the opportunity to meet with different BHCC faculty and staff. Some fellows had fun seeing their home countries represented in the study abroad office! Then fellows were able to learn more about the Single Stop program, which focuses on connecting BHCC students to financial resources to help them move toward economic mobility and end cycles of poverty. Fellows then moved to Dr. Wissal Nouchrif's Intro to Business class to answer student's questions about management styles, entrepreneurship in their home countries, and what led them to applying for the Humphrey Fellowship. Dr. Nouchrif's area of expertise is in financial inclusion, which is an area of interest to many of the fellows.

Capstone Presentations

Friday, December 1



Towards the beginning of the program, fellows were asked to form capstone teams to identify an organizational problem or global pressing issue and work on a plan to implement a feasible solution. While this is a year-long project, the fellows presented their preliminary findings in December to get feedback from the Coordinators and other fellows.



December 8, 2023

HOLIDAY PARTY



On December 8, the BU Humphrey Fellowship Program hosted the annual Humphrey Holiday Lunch Party! Fellows enjoyed a buffet lunch at the BU Castle, an extraordinary Tudor Revival mansion on campus. Following lunch, fellows and coordinators participated in a white elephant gift exchange.



HOST FAMILIES & FELLOWS

Sharing highlights from host family and fellow's activities this semester!



Fellows Silvia Felipe and Secil Coskun enjoy exploring Boston!



Host Family Linda and James Craven take Silvia Felipe and Secil Coskun out!

Host families and fellows went out to eat dim sum after a walk around the city!



Host Family Barbara enjoying an outing with fellows Rabiul Hossain and Faisal Mansoor!



BU fellows participating in a group community service activity during orientation!



Humphrey Fellows enjoying their time in Washington, DC at the GLF!

Host families and fellows enjoy a stroll around the park!



Host Family Paul Lewis and Humphrey Fellow Fred are enjoying the sights!



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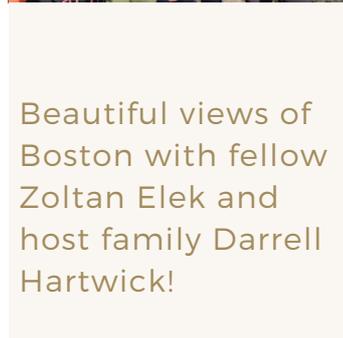
Many of the fellows participated in Questrom Days of Service!



Host family Carmen Aldinger and Darrel Hartwick take fellows Zoltan Elek and Maruska Vizek to Mount Watatic!



Host families hosted a dinner with current BU fellows and some MIT humphrey alumni!



Beautiful views of Boston with fellow Zoltan Elek and host family Darrell Hartwick!



A beautiful view from the prudential center with Carmen Aldinger, Darrell Hartwick, Doris Kellom, and Zoltan Elek!



Getting ready for the fall season by posing in front of pumpkins!



Fellows attending Boston University's IDEA Con 2023 hosted by the BUild Lab!



Fellows enjoying the corn maze at Hanson's Farm!



Alumni News

UPDATES FROM BU HUMPHREY ALUM

2022-2023 COHORT

Chrystelle Dohou from Benin, Alfred Jusu from Sierra Leone, and Ruslan Arykov from Kyrgyz Republic visited the 45th cohort during orientation to provide fellows insights to their new life in Boston.



PEDRO BISCAY

2021-2022, Argentina

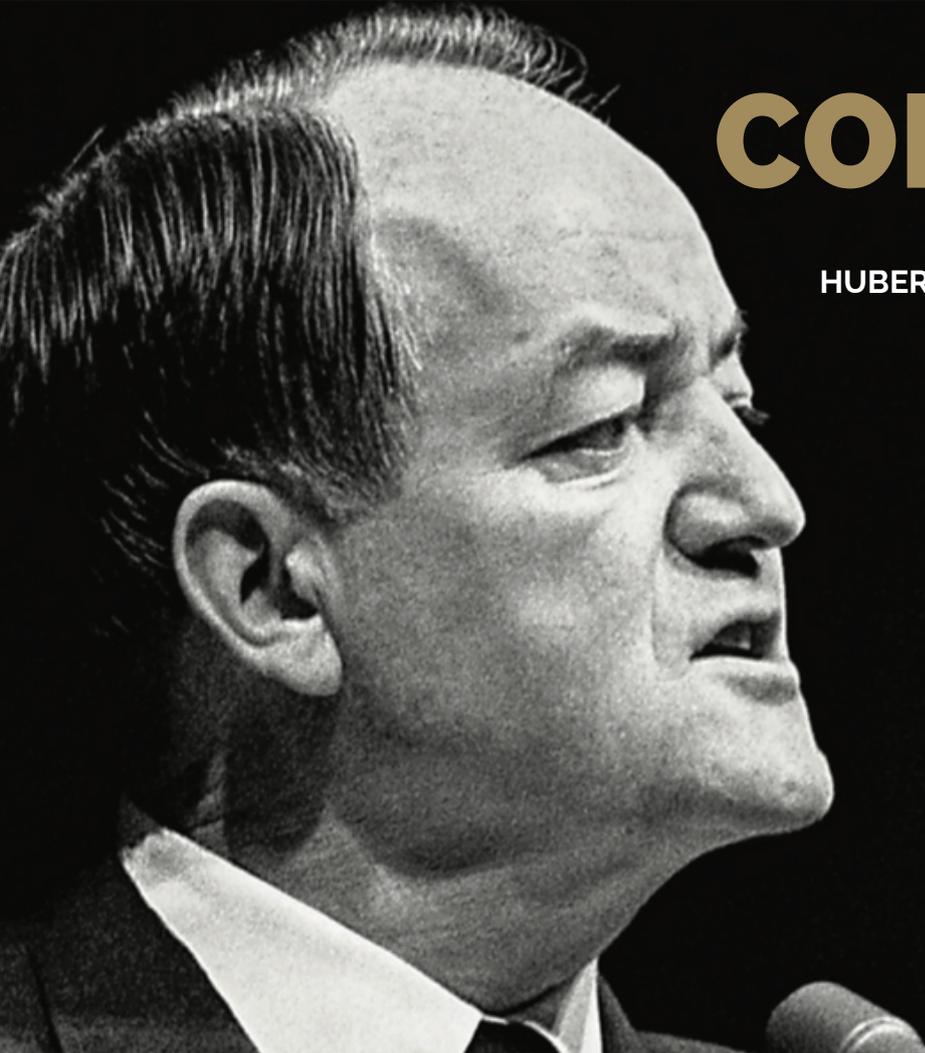
Pedro Biscay, Finance and Banking fellow from Argentina visited coordinators Yoo Jin and Kristyn when he and his wife were in Boston! Pedro had the opportunity to speak to a few current fellows and provide advice on the fellowship program.

MILENA VUCINIC

2017-2018, Montenegro

Milena Vucinic, Advisor to the Executive Director of Project Management in the Central Bank of Montenegro, visited the cohort during the fall semester! She was in the United States as she was one of the few Humphrey Alumni who received a Professional Development Grant that is offered by the U.S. Department of State. She attended a project management conference in Atlanta, GA.





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