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World Affairs Council

Autumn Lerner Assumes Role of Vice President at World Affairs Council of Seattle

SEATTLE, Oct. 2, 2009 – The World Affairs Council of Seattle is pleased to announce that Autumn Lerner, current COO and Director of the Council's International Visitor Program (IVP), has been named Vice President of the World Affairs Council. As a part of her new position, she will implement the Council's three-year, \$300,000 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and lead public programming.

Lerner joined the World Affairs Council in February 2006, and over the intervening period has been involved in many aspects of the organization, specifically leadership of the Council's short-term exchange program, the International Visitor Program, and internal operations. "Her focus on teamwork and knowledge of the World Affairs Council systems, community stakeholders and social media position her well to take the World Affairs Council's community programming to the next level with a specific focus on global health and international development issues," says Ian Moncaster, World Affairs Council President/CEO.

Autumn is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she earned a bachelor's degree in European History and spent a semester abroad in Moscow, Russia. Autumn received a master's degree in Russian, East European, and Central Asian International Studies from the Jackson School at the University of Washington. She is a board member for both the Center for Women and Democracy and the City of Seattle Sister Cities Council, and is a proud "Big Sister" with Big Brothers Big Sisters of King County. In June 2009, Lerner spent a month in Europe, on professional exchange in Belgium, France, Spain, Montenegro, and Germany, as an American Marshall Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

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About the World Affairs Council

Since 1951, the World Affairs Council of Seattle has been dedicated to creating opportunities for people in the Greater Seattle region to become more engaged in building a global community. Each of the Council's programs advance a deeper understanding of world events and cultures for community members of all ages and backgrounds. Through public lectures with global leaders, professional development workshops for K-12 teachers, meetings for international visitors with their local professional counterparts, leadership development for community members, and informal networking for young professionals, the World Affairs Council provides activities that enrich Seattle's civic and cultural conversation with global perspectives. As a hub for all things international in Greater Seattle, the World Affairs Council provides professional and social connections for people who share a passion for world affairs.

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