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Notes from the Director

A sign on the entrance door to Pax Educare, given to me by my colleague, Melinda Salazar, staff member of the Cloud Institute in New York City, reads “the most radical thing we can do is to introduce people to one another”. The Buddhist monk, Thich Nat Hanh has written of the importance of sharing a cup of tea before beginning any serious discussion of business. Immanuel Kant, often called “the father of the modern philosophy of international law and human rights”, in the late 1700s wrote that it was his belief that international conflicts could be ended with universal hospitality. What

simple, yet profound concepts and how challenging to put into practice in our busy, stressed lives.

Part of the mission of Pax Educare is “peace hospitality”, to connect like-minded people and to partner with individuals and groups to move forward with best practices in educating for peace. We have been blessed with a cadre of visitors to Pax Educare these past few months. Folks find us, some after internet searches for resources in peace, some through other colleagues and networking. Hearing the stories they bring and their passion to make a difference

is a privilege. Some of our visitors are in periods of life transition, some young, some older. One such recent, repeated visitor is Father Richard Okirio, a native of Uganda, currently serving as a parish priest in West Hartford at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. In the 1980s he helped broker peace during the conflict in northern Uganda. (go to page 2)



Jodi Rafkin (l) and Kelly Shannon enjoy a moment during the Advanced HIPP workshop in Jan.

Building Peace: Women Making a Difference

One hundred and fifty scholars, students and activists gathered in Gen-gras Auditorim at the University of Hartford on Saturday, November 10 for a

day-long celebration of the role women play in building peace. The event featured a morning panel of international speakers, followed by morning and afternoon workshops featuring grass-roots, experiential and interactive ways participants could engage in social change. In addition, the day was highlighted by a Lifetime Achievement (go to 2)



Elise Boulding (l), Quaker scholar-activist, Nobel Nominee and a founder of the International Peace Research Association was honored at the November women and peacebuilding conference. Here she addresses participants following the award.

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His search and finding us involved looking for resources in academic peace studies. Kim DiMichele, a staff member of the Hartford Seminary and mother of 4, stopped by to check out Elise Boulding's seminal work on raising children peacefully, *One Small Plot of Heaven*.

Kelly Shannon, a recent social work master's graduate, is on her way to Thailand and then, to Nepal and Ghana, working with global youth networks on peacebuilding skills and working to

plan an African Alliance Summit in May. She stopped by to chat and find out about Connecticut peacemaking opportunities with youth. Kelly participated in two of the HIPP workshops this fall and winter.

Jodi Rafkin, a recently retired federal prosecutor from California, living now in southern Connecticut, took a peacebuilding course in Europe last summer, has participated in HIPP and is hoping to transition to a career teaching peace.

one of these visits has offered a mutual learning experience both for the visitor and for, and that, in addition, each experience such as this offers a mini module in peace pedagogy, utilizing the "best practices" that include processes that are participatory, inquiry based, communal, dialogical, reflective and finally, action oriented. We are, indeed, I believe, on the cusp of a new wave of hope and a Great Awakening of the power of nonviolence. *Mary Lee Morrison*

I like to think that each



Elise Boulding, Melinda Salazar-conference respondent, and Mary Lee Morrison

Recalling her experiences in Iraq, former Iraqi Minister of the Environment Mishkat Al Moumin stated in her conference talk "if you are trying to carry a heavy sack, such as building a country or peace, you need two hands to do it: one of them needs to be the hand of a woman"

Building Peace (continued from page 1)

Award given to Quaker sociologist and Nobel nominee Elise Boulding. The conference was funded by a grant from the Women's Education and Leadership Fund, a legacy of the Hartford College for Women. Thanks to WELF Director Jennifer Sanborn for all of her help and encouragement.

Pax Educare, Inc. was a co-sponsor of the conference.

Former West Hartford city councilwoman, peace activist and President emeritus of the Hartford College for Women Miriam Butterworth, in her introductory remarks, said that in times of violence, women must increase their peacemaking roles. Hartford's own HartBeat Ensemble, activist theatrical group, ended the day with an interactive presentation.

Plenary Speakers included Mishkat Al-Moumin, former Minister of the Environment of Iraq, Rachel Myanja, Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women of the United Nations, and Lina Sidrys Nealon, policy specialist and trainer for the Initiative for Inclusive Security, a research and advocacy organization promoting the full participation

"It has been my lifetime goal to be considered the 'token male' on a panel made up exclusively of women" Gordie Fellman, respondent at the Women and Peace conference

of women in peacebuilding processes. Respondents were Melinda Salazar, staff member of the Cloud Institute, Carol Shaw Austad, Pax Educare board member and psychology professor at Central CT State University and co-director of CCSU's Peace Studies program, and Gordon Fellman, professor of sociology and faculty of the Brandeis University Peace, Conflict and Co-existence Stud-

ies program. Workshops were designed to show that peacemaking is something, not just for those in high policy level work, but is something everyone can engage in. There was ample time for networking, sampling of food, and browsing in the resource area, with books, organizational literature and a DVD featuring (go to p. 8)



Workshop Participants at the Women and Peace conference



HartBeat Ensemble performs at the Nov conference

Dialogue Continues on a Consortium Major in Peace Studies

Monthly conversations between faculty of Saint Joseph College, the University of Hartford and Central Connecticut State University, with Pax Educare director Mary Lee Morrison serving as consultant and Donn Weinholtz, Professor of Educational Leadership at U of H as convener, have continued throughout the Fall and Spring, under a grant from the Connecticut Consortium on Higher Education. A list of courses at each institution that could fall under an interdisciplinary, cross-institutional major has been compiled. The role of a collaborative, community based cen-

ter, or institute, such as Pax Educare, as an integral part of peace studies, is being explored, with the expectation that as part of a major, students would intern in one of more of a variety of community based peace and service organizations which could serve as partners. We welcome input an ideas on this endeavor. Contact Pax Educare. The United States Institute of Peace has published an excellent curriculum guide entitled *Building Global Peace, Conflict, and Security Curricula at Undergraduate Institutions*. Further information can be found at

www.usip.org. Contact Program Director David Smith. dsmith@usip.org

Some Good Sources on Women and Peace

www.globalfundforwomen.org
www.womenforwomeninternational.org

The Initiative for Inclusive Security www.huntalternatives.org/pages/7_the_initiative_for_inclusive_security.cfm

UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

www.unifem.org



A Standing Ovation for Elise Boulding at the Women and Peace conference

Intern Kaitlyn Newman Joins Pax Educare (picture below right)

We have been blessed over the years with the talents and creative energy of students from area colleges. They provide invaluable help, particularly since we are a small, community based, grass-roots organization.

visualized, double major in peace studies and political science. She is focusing on genocide and ethnic conflict. Kaitlyn has been involved in activist work on the university-campus, particularly around educational endowment invested funds of the institution. Kaitlyn put together her own major in peace studies and sought us out as an internship to supplement her course work,

adding to her already very full schedule of classes and work.

Kaitlyn has been helping develop the newsletter and has done some important research work for us and for the Curriculum of Hope Project at the university.

For further information on the Curriculum of Hope and what Kaitlyn is doing with this, see the next page.

We are joined this semester by University of Connecticut sixth semester student **Kaitlyn Newman**, who is pursuing an indi-

If you or your organization would like further information on HIPP and youth trainings, contact Pax Educare

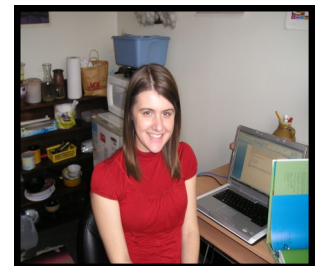
HIPP Basic and Advanced Trainings

Burr School was the site of two HIPP workshops, held in December and January, with students and staff from Burr and Watkinson Schools, joined by several interested adults. Lead adult trainers were Watkinson Middle School head Diane Weinholtz and Hank Daignault, community activist. Youth co-trainers included Cecilia Zaporta, a junior at East Har-

tord High School, Anais Herrera, junior at New Britain High, and Allan Rogers, a sophomore at Watkinson Upper School. Thanks to Burr teacher Barbara Michelson for arranging space for the workshops. The Training for Facilitators is planned for March 27 and 28th. Thanks to the Ensworth Charitable Trust, Bank of America, Trustee, for funding to enable us to pay our

facilitators and staff who join us, as well as enjoy delicious snacks. The grant allows Pax Educare, Inc. to serve as coordinating body for these HIPP trainings.

For further information on HIPP, contact Pax Educare. See page 9 for news of some of our youth facilitators.



Intern Kaitlyn Newman hard at work

New Board Chair Ronnie Casella

Ronnie Casella has assumed the chair position of the board of Pax Educare, taking over from previous chair Diane Weinholtz. Ronnie is an Associate Professor in the Teacher Education Department at Central Connecticut State University. He teaches courses in the social/cultural/historical foundations of education, sociology of education and in schools and society. His particular interests are in peace education and urban violence. Ronnie spent part of last year in Johannesburg, South Africa, where, on sabbatical, he studied issues of violence in the country,

post apartheid. Ronnie recently received the prestigious university's Trustee's Research Award. He is the author of several books.

Plans are to engage in collaborative, evaluative ongoing research for HIPP with Pax Educare director Mary Lee Morrison and Ronnie Casella. We are currently seeking grant funding for this.

At left and bottom) December committee meeting of the state-wide Connecticut committee at the home of Advisory Board member Jeanne Morascini (seated with papers at left). Bottom-newsletter editor Janice McKusick (writing), with Sue Levy Moon and committee chair Anita Satriano



Your feedback on this new newsletter format is welcome. It is always a welcome challenge to learn a new way of doing things

Curriculum of Hope, a Project of Delta Kappa Gamma International

The Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World, a project of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a women's educational honorary organization, publishes a thrice-yearly newsletter chock full of resources and ideas in peace education. It was founded by Jeanne Morascini, a Pax Educare Advisory Board member, some 20 years ago. Janice McKusick is the current editor. The Tho-

mas Dodd Center for Research in Human Rights at the University of Connecticut now houses the archives of the Curriculum of Hope newsletters in their Alternative Press collection. Pax Educare intern Kaitlyn Newman has been assisting the project by helping further elaborate the system of cataloging for the newsletter. The current issue is presently up on the Pax Educare web site. If you would like

to receive copies, contact Jeanne Morascini at Jemora@aol.com; 860-228-9293. Hard copies are available at Pax Educare.

Quote from the most recent newsletter in the Founders Message "Each of our efforts adds to the ripples of all efforts, eventually building into a tidal wave of goodness"

Connecticut Partnership for Sustainability Education by James Malley, Professor Emeritus, Central Connecticut State University

The Connecticut Partnership for Sustainability Education (CPSE) is a newly formed volunteer organization made up of college and university professors, K-12 teachers, parents and students who believe that education must play a pivotal role in building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society.

nally began as an alliance of college professors that were concerned about the regressive educational practices under the No Child Left Behind law. However, after it sponsored a League of Women's Voters' community conversation on the topic of education for global sustainability, its membership agreed that preserving a safe and healthy future for children trumped all other issues.

Sustainability education was defined by the 1987 Brundtland Commission as education that is focused on "meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Although it is working on several educational and community projects, one of CPSE primary goals will be to (next p)



Hard at work in Consortium dialoguing on peace studies-food helps

The organization origi-

Connecticut Partnership, cont'd

promote the integration of sustainability education into core content teaching and learning at K-12 schools and higher education

Drawing from the principles established by the UN Decade for Education for Sustainable Development and the Earth Charter, CPSE advocates for educational approaches that teach children and young adults to:

Respect Earth and life in all its diversity

Protect and restore the integrity of Earth's ecological systems

Eradicate poverty as an ethical,

social, and environmental imperative, and

Promote a culture of tolerance, nonviolence, and peace.

Sustainability education emphasizes the teaching of systems thinking with a focus on interconnectedness of environmental, economic and social systems. A draft version of the national standards for sustainability education is available on the website of the U.S. Partnership for the UN Decade for Education for Sustainable Development (<http://www.uspartnership.org>). CPSE is a state partner of the U.S. Partnership for the UNDES. Individuals or organizations

who are interested in partnering with CPSE may contact Jim Malley at malleyj@ccsu.edu or Bill Upholt at u-pholt@comcast.net

The Partnership will engaging in a panel at the April 4 conference of the CT Outdoor Environmental Educators Conference www.coeea.org/



At right-Bill Upholt introduces the film "Green, the New Red, White and Blue", narrated by Journalist Thomas Friedman, at the Hartford Friends Meeting House. Pax Educare was a co-sponsor of this event.

The showing of the film was part of Focus the Nation, part of a national teach-in involving over 1000 colleges and universities. CCSU hosted a 2 day event in January www.focusthena.org

Focus the Nation-National Teach-In on Climate Change

Pax Educare, Inc. was a co-sponsor, along with the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Hartford Friends Meeting, the West Hartford Citizens for Peace and Justice, and Center for Serenity, Inc. of a showing of "Green, the New Red, White and Blue", a film highlighting the efforts some corporations are undertaking to reduce carbon emissions and promote energy efficiency. Included were

depictions of the energy consumed and carbon emitted by a typical suburban family. Held at the Friends Meeting House in West Hartford in late January, a lively discussion ensued afterwards, with questions and comments addressing the contents of the film and related concerns. While some participants extolled the efforts of corporations such as Google and Wal-Mart, others were dismayed-

about the absence of any discussion of the need for basic lifestyle changes, particularly among western, industrialized citizens, including substantially reducing our consumption and simplifying our lifestyles. The film is narrated by New York Times journalist Thomas Friedman.

Spotlight-Global Education Associates and IPE (International Institutes on Peace Education) our working partner in promoting education for peace

In early February, Pax Educare, Inc. director Mary Lee Morrison paid a visit to New York City and to Tony Jenkins, co-director of the Peace Education Center of Teachers College (PEC) and the Program Coordinator of Global Education Associates (GEA) and the Global Campaign for Peace Education. GEA's mission reads, in part as " the development of a global spirit, values,

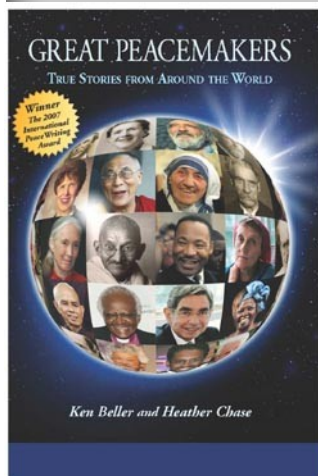
ethics and systems that will secure greater ecological integrity and peace". GEA, located right down the street from Teachers College, is the new home of the International Institutes on Peace Education (IPE), founded by Betty Reardon, and of the Community Institutes on Peace Education (CIPE). The PEC at Teachers College will continue to operate as a re-

source center, research base and hosting of international peace scholars. IPE 2008 will be held in Haifa, Israel.

While visiting Tony, we were fortunate to meet visiting Turkish scholar Aylin Vartanyan, who has started a peace education center at (see Global Campaign p. 10)



David Raglund, USA participant in IPE, greets Mary Lee at Arantzazu, Spain



New Resource in the Library

From the author, Heather Chase:

An award-winning new book, *Great Peacemakers*, tells the true life stories of twenty great peacemakers from around the world and addresses a wide range of social issues. The book is designed to offer positive role models and examples of nonviolent conflict resolution while enhancing study in a variety of content areas.

Accompanying the book are comprehensive study guides. The guide for middle- and high

school classes meets national standards and guidelines in thirteen content areas, including English language arts, history, social studies, etc. The guide for college and university classes is designed to enhance courses in disciplines such as political science, sociology, philosophy, etc.

Great Peacemakers won the 2007 International PeaceWriting Award from the Peace and Justice Studies Association and the OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology. The book is also endorsed by three heads of state and three Nobel Peace Prize recipients, including Dr.

Oscar Arias, president of Costa Rica and Nobel Laureate, who said: "Powerful, well-researched and, above all, timely, *Great Peacemakers* should be required reading for the youth of the world."

More information about the book and study guides is available at www.GreatPeacemakers.com

Fall Intern

Jessie Agnesi, student at Saint Joseph college (below). Jessie helped with the Fall and Spring newsletters and cataloging

Monthly Discussion Group News-Focus on Kenya

In mid February the topic of discussion was the conflicts in Kenya and the focus was on Quaker initiatives for peacebuilding in the country. Advisory Board member Helen Raisz kept us up to date with postings from various emails and web sites.

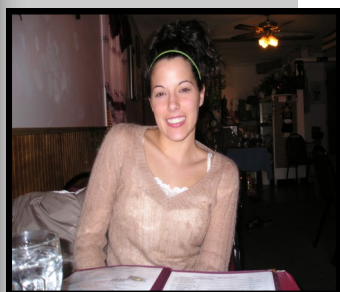
There are thousands of Kenyan Quakers. Many are being directly affected by the conflict,

as they live in the western part of the country where conflict has been high. But there is some positive news, especially the grass-roots peacebuilding initiatives in the area.

If you would like up to date information on the situation, contact David Zarembka, coordinator of Friends Peace Teams, African Great Lakes Initiative at

davidzarembka@juno.com

Our honored canine guest at the February discussion group was Dashiell Hammett, who is, according to his owner Flo Woodiel, "Schnauzer Extraordinaire".



Other New Library Additions

People Power: fifty peacemakers and their communities by Michel True. Features short, biographical vignettes of individuals and groups involved in peacebuilding, mainly covering 1800s and 1900s. Good sources listed for further research.

The Case for Impeachment: the legal argument for removing George W. Bush from office by

David Lindorff, investigative journalist and Barbara Olshansky, Deputy Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Palestine: peace not apartheid by Jimmy Carter. The former president offers his assessment of what must be done to establish permanent peace between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

Citizenship Under Fire: democratic education in times of conflict by Sigal R. Ben-Porath, researcher and instructor at U Penn's graduate department of education. Examines the relationship between civic education, a culture of war and the quest for peace.

Ending Slavery: how we free today's slaves by Kevin Bales. (continued next page)

New Resources, continued

Bales is the president of Free the Slaves www.freetheslaves.org/ the U.S. sister organization of Britain's Anti-Slavery International. The author presents the insights into what can be done to finally eliminate global slavery.

Two new DVDs, donations from the Center on Nonviolent Conflict www.nonviolent-conflict.org :

Bringing Down a Dictator-the story of the pro-democracy movement that forced Slobodan Milosevic to call early elections in the former Yugoslavia, ultimately leading to his

arrest and extradition to the Hague to stand trial for crimes against humanity.

A Force More Powerful. A two-part documentary depicting the 20th century's story of how nonviolence has overpowered and overcome oppression and authoritarian rule. www.aforcemorepowerful.org

Many thanks to outgoing Pax Educare board chair Diane Weinholtz (right) for her years of service. Diane will continue to serve on the board. Diane is the Head of the Middle School at Watkinson School in Hartford and a lead HIPP Adult Facilitator, having helped to develop HIPP as an integral program at the school.



Outgoing Board Chair Diane Weinholtz at a recent benefit concert with the Adaskin String Trio

Sharon Toffey Shepela –Faculty Partner at the University of Hartford-Co-Author of a New Book

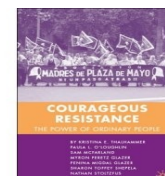
Courageous Resistance: The Power of Ordinary People

Kristina E. Thalhammer , Paula L. O'Loughlin , Sam McFarland , Myron Peretz Glazer , Penina Migdal Glazer , Sharon Toffey Shepela and Nathan Stoltzfus. Palgrave Macmillan paperback \$29.95 Examination copies may be ordered directly from www.palgrave.com

During times of grave injustice, some individuals, groups, and organizations resist maltreatment of all people, regardless of their backgrounds. Courageous resisters have assisted others in such locales as Nazi-controlled Europe throughout the 1030s and 40s, Argentina during the "Dirty War" of the 1070s, Rwanda in the 1990s and a U.S. military prison in Iraq in recent years. Using these and other vivid case studies,

this book introduces readers to the broad spectrum of courageous resistance and provides a framework for analyzing the factors that motivate and sustain opposition to human rights violation, and for using those factors to increase the likelihood of their own courageous responses. Written from a multidisciplinary viewpoint, this book will serve as a useful and encouraging supplemental text for a variety of courses.

It is always a pleasure to receive news and reviews of Pax Educare partners and constituents- Sharon Shepela is a professor, Hillyer College, University of Hartford



Peace Links and Good Resources

The United States institute of Peace is once again offering its early summer seminar in peace studies for community college faculty. www.usip.org/seminars/ccfs.html.

The Graduate Institute, located in Milford, CT, is offering, as part of its master's program in Irenic Studies, public lectures by distinguished peace schol-

ars, beginning in January 08. www.learn.edu

New standards for programs in peer mediation are now available at www.mediate.com/acreducation. Thanks to Leigh Jones-Bamman for this submission.

Peace Jam North East will hold its annual conference for youth

at Elms College on April 5 and 6. www.nextgenleaders.org/PeaceJam%20Northeast%20Youth%20Conference.html

CT Outdoor Environmental Educators Annual Conference will be held April 4 at Quinnipiac University in Hamden,CT.

www.coeea.org
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Contributors to Pax Educare Since September 2007



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Sally Pinkas,
Steve Larson,
Emyln Ngai**

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The Adaskin Trio (above) will be back in the Fall of 2008 for another concert. Stay tuned.

Below-a light moment before the concert

Peace Angels

For help with the newsletter-Jessie Agnesi, Helen Raisz and the stalwart Discussion group members, as well as Diana Desnoyers. Diana also helped with some research into grant funding. Hank Daignault for help with community outreach. Donna Daignault for office assistance.

Adaskin Concert with Sally Pinkas Once Again Held as Benefit for Pax Educare, Inc.

The home of Karen and Phil Will in Hartford was once again the hosting site in late October for a benefit concert for Pax Educare. 40 of us were treated to an evening of chamber music, all of the proceeds going to the operation of Pax Educare, Inc. Many thanks to Mark Fraser, Emyln Ngai, Steve Larson and Sally Pinkas for their generosity and gifts of music.

Women and Peacebuilding (cont'd from page 2)



**Phil Will,
Gretchen Upholt,
Bill Upholt
and Mary Lee**

an interview with and talk by Elise Boulding. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped out for the day: Gretchen Upholt, Krista Ostaszewski, Diana Desnoyers, Chinemelu Uyanwune, Jacob Ritter, Diana Hossain, Denise Weeks, Jessie Agnesi, Pam Heller, and several others who stepped in at the last minute.

Further information and resources may be obtained from the conference web site: <http://uhaweb.hartford.edu/peaceconf/>. Many thanks to Jay Stewart, professor of sociology at the University of Hartford, for the development and maintenance of the web site.

Youth and Adults Making a Difference and Administrators Listen

We are proud of our youth **HIPP facilitators**. We have had three recently. **Cecilia (Ceci) Zaporta** is a junior at East Hartford High, with plans next year to return to New Britain High, to join **Anais Herrera**, also a junior, whose goal is to attend nursing school. The team was joined this year by **Allan Rogers**, Watkinson Upper School sophomore.

White House, hand submitted a letter to President George Bush **criticizing the administration's detention policies** and support for torture. "We believe we have a responsibility to voice our convictions..we do not want America to represent torture". According to the article, the President read the letter and then told the students that America does not torture.

Two University of Hartford students have begun a chapter of the **Student Peace Alliance**. Sophomores **Johanna Schumacher and Jeffrey Dietz** have also become part of the Consortium work on establishing a peace studies as a major. They credit parents and a high school teacher for their interest in peace education and activism.

A recent article in the Fall 2007 edition of *Rethinking Schools* featured an article about a group of 50 national high school **Presidential Scholars** who, upon being invited to the

www.rethinkingschools.org

Virginia Tech University, in response to the recent tragic killings, has begun a peace studies program.

<http://www.thepeacealliance.org/content/section/17/187/>



A reflection on what HIPP means-Advanced Training held in January

We were joined by staff from Burr and Watkinson and 3 outside community participants

Upcoming Pax Educare Events

Monthly Discussion series continues at Pax Educare on timely topics. Contact us for dates and times.

Stay tuned for news of the next **Adaskin String Trio benefit concert** scheduled for the Fall. Violinist Emlyn Ngai has offered to hold an **early summer benefit concert for Pax Educare with his Hartt Community Division youth string quartet**, a very generous offer. Stay tuned. Both events will be held at the Hartford home of Karen and Phil Will.

Plans are in the works for the **third annual Peace Studies luncheon, co-hosted by Central Connecticut State Universities Peace Studies Program and its co-director Carol Shaw Austad and Pax Educare, Inc.** The event will again be held at CCSU, probably in mid to late May. If you would like an invitation, please contact Mary Lee Morrison.

A **Community Institute on Peace Education (CIPE)**, for educators and policy makers will be held in Vermont in early summer. Stay tuned for further details.

For a helpful guide to scholarships, jobs and internships, go to (<http://internationalpeaceandconflict.org>)

Peace Studies Comes To Manchester Community College, Connecticut, by Diana R. Hossain, Professor of ESL and Spanish, MCC

Manchester Community College will be offering its first Introduction to Peace Studies course in the spring 2009 semester. With its rich diversity of race, ethnicity, and beliefs, MCC has the opportunity and the potential to integrate and infuse into its already varied programs, the pedagogies and practical application of peace and related studies. The course will be the first for the community college system and will consist of an overview of global human issues, peace and justice studies, peace and conflict studies, and international relations. Through studying international and global issues confronting humankind in the 21st century, MCC students will learn to engage in careful and sustained reflection on some of the major problems confronting humankind today, the issues of conflict management at the international level, and their personal roles and responsibilities as world citizens.

Professor Hossain was the recipient of a fellowship from Yale University which provides resources, mentoring, and library assistance to community college faculty as part of Yale's PIER Program (Programs in International Education Resources) (editor's note).



HIPP Lego Listening Not as easy as it looks



Elise Boulding
and the late
Randall Fors-
berg

*The Peace and
Conflict Studies
Consortium
nurtures a trans-
disciplinary
approach to peace
education through
collaboration*
[www.peaceandcon-
flictstudies.org](http://www.peaceandconflictstudies.org)



Working together in HIPP to solve
problems (above)

Boston Research Center for the 21st Century- www.brc21.org

The **Boston Research Center for the 21st Century (BRC)** is an international peace institute founded in 1993 by Daisaku Ikeda, peace activist, educator, and president of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), a Buddhist organization active in 190 countries and territories around the world. Inspired by the SGI's philosophy of value creation (Soka), the BRC works to build cultures of peace through dialogue and education programs. These programs include public forums and scholarly seminars that are organized collaboratively and offer a diverse range of perspectives.

The overarching goal of these gatherings is to contribute to a shift in U.S. culture from isolation, violence, and war to interconnectedness, nonviolence, and peace.

Of the many programs and activities of BRC, one was a series of dialogues between scholar/activists Elise Boulding and Randall Forsberg, whose views and perspectives provided a lively exchange, sometimes with differing perspectives.

Randall Forsberg passed away recently. To honor her intelli-

gence and spirit, the BRC invites you to read an online dialogue between Randy and **Elise Boulding**, conducted in the aftermath of 9/11, in August 2002. This dialogue also serves as a follow-up to their joint book project, **Abolishing War**, published by the BRC in 1998. Among her many accomplishments, Randy was the founder of the Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies and was an inspirational leader in the nuclear freeze movement of the 1980s.

Peace Links, from page 7

The **International Peace Research Association** will hold its annual conference at the University of Leuven, Belgium, July 15 - 19th. <http://www.ipra2008.org:80/>

The **Peace and Justice Studies Association** annual conference will be held at Portland State University September 11-14th with the theme "Building Cultures of Peace". Open to aca-

demics, students, educators and activists. Deadline for proposals April 1. www.peacejusticestudies.org

Youth and Conflict: Global Challenges and Local Strategies. International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education. March 27-29th. Highland Hills, OH. For college faculty and staff, students, K-12 educators and administrators and policy-

makers and prevention specialists. www.tri-c.edu/community/girc/conflict/default.htm

Scholarships are offered for each of these venues.

Global Campaign for Peace Education (con't from page 5)

Bogazici University in Istanbul. She had stopped by to meet and to chat with Tony.

The Global Campaign for Peace Education e newsletter provides monthly updates on peace news, events and peace education activities worldwide, jobs, internships and resources. If you would like to receive the newsletter of the Global Campaign for Peace

Education, go to www.tc.edu/PeaceEd/.

Other useful web sites:

IIPE www.i-e-pe-e.org

Global Education Associates

www.g-e-a.org

The **2008 International Institutes on Peace Education** will be held at the University of Haifa, July 28-August 4, co-

sponsored by the Jewish-Arab Center of the university, The Center for Critical Pedagogy of the Kibbutzim College of Education, Global Education Associates and the Peace Education Center of Teachers College, Columbia University. IIPE was founded 25 years ago by Betty Reardon. For further information, go to the IIPE web site, listed above.

Other Good News of Youth Led Projects, Local and Beyond

Local Green Dream Team of Youth Promoting Sustainability by Imani Zito, owner of the Alchemy Juice Bar and Café, Hartford

The Growing Green Cooperative is the umbrella organization for The Growing Green Theatrical Troupe - a group of kids trying to teach other kids about ways to live more sustainably on the planet. The three main themes of the skit are: Carbon Footprint, Conscious Consumerism and Conservation. Performances for "Living the Green Dream" are currently being booked in the Greater Hartford area at schools and other or-

ganizations where children in grades 6-8 gather during the months of March & April. For more information or to schedule a performance, contact I m a n i a t imani@thegreenvibration.com.

Youth For Alliance of Civilizations and Global Youth Solidarity Fund Programme, a joint project of the Fundacion Cultura de Pax and UNOY (United Network of Young Peacemakers) located in the Hague, Netherlands, recently reported on their January meeting in Madrid. This report, drafted in part by David Adams, may be found

at <http://decade-culture-of-peace.org>. In general, youth believe more opportunities for networking among global peacemakers are needed, as well as opportunities for meaningful participation in activities promoting a culture of peace world-wide.

You are invited to contribute a news piece, helping build toward a global culture of peace. <http://cpnn-world.org/> is a wonderful resource both for contributing to and learning about the world wide movement.

News of Some Former Interns of Pax Educare

From Krista Ostaszewski- graduated from the University of Connecticut last Spring and am currently working with an Americorps sponsored project, Public Allies, that advances new leadership to strengthen communities, non-profits and civic participation. Through Public Allies I was chosen to work at Foodshare Inc. in Bloomfield, CT. Ed note-a 2009 wedding is in the works for

Krista-congratulations are in order.

Katherine Breslin is currently employed with the Working Families group in Hartford.

We enjoy hearing from and receiving visits from students.



Dr. Mary Lee Morrison and Krista Ostaszewski, Student Intern Spring 2007

News of Jacob Ritter, former Student Associate of Pax Educare

Jake sent a recent email, from his sojourn in India, following his graduation in August from Goddard College in Vermont.

"I am well, and so far I have done a lot of adventuring and met many intriguing people... mostly notably, I have attended the first World Congress on Psychology and Spirituality for a week, as a

delegate, while in New Delhi. For the past few weeks, also, I have been training at the Ashtanga Yoga Research Institute here in Mysore... I am enjoying seeing, studying and living in this part of the world as I notice its riches and also the presence of its vast poverty... its powerful legacy and current reality of

growth is very exciting."

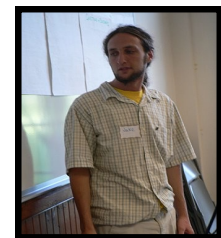
We wish the best of luck to Jacob.

Jacob has a particular interest in brining concepts of Eastern mysticism and holistic health into peace education.



HIPP Facilitators Allan Rogers, Anais Herrera, Ceci Zaporta, Hank Daignault and Diane Weinholtz at the January Advanced Training at Burr School

The Culture of Peace News Network continues to publish initiatives for a Culture of Peace around the world
<http://cpnn-world.org/>



Jacob Ritter facilitating at the June Community Conversation on Global Sustainability in Hartford

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