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INSTITUTE WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

by Emiko Noma



The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) is pleased to announce the arrival of new Executive Director Milburn Line. Line has worked on human rights and refugee return for more than 15 years in a variety of international missions, projects and organizations, principally in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Colombia and Guatemala, but also in Africa, China and the Middle East.

A native of North Carolina, Line is returning to the United States after a series of overseas posts, most recently as the director of a \$37 million human rights program in Colombia, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The project entailed preventing and responding to human rights abuses and protecting vulnerable groups, as well as supporting civil society organizations to monitor human rights and public policies and advocate for victims' right to truth, justice and reparations.

At the IPJ, Line will work with colleagues "to develop peace and justice programs that positively impact local communities and national realities – and potentially shape U.S. and international interventions." He sees a particular need for more integrated and strategic responses that address but also go beyond the immediacy of a community caught in conflict.

"In the field we continue to be challenged with integrating the policy, diplomatic and financial resources necessary to address conflict and injustice effectively in places like Colombia and Guatemala." While the programs he worked on in those countries were "designed for local impact and were successful within their immediate parameters, the challenges of impunity and structural and physical violence continue to be in place even after constructive efforts by temporal projects."

One experience where some initial success was obtained in this regard was his work on implementing the Dayton Peace Agreement in northwest Bosnia. Line and colleagues from multiple agencies and organizations worked together in an integrated task force to facilitate the return of tens of thousands of people who had suffered ethnic cleansing during the war. The strategy ranged "from local support for reconstructing pre-war communities all the way to the policy framework of international and national organizations."

Just as it took a multi-dimensional approach to resettle the displaced in Bosnia, at the IPJ Line is hoping to "build bridges between human, intellectual and financial resources to reach places where conflict and injustice exist." He asserts, "This type of collaboration is key for the mutual understanding necessary for improved responses to these realities."

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Milburn Line

HOMETOWN:

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

USAID Human Rights Program - Colombia

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USAID Human Rights and Reconciliation Program - Guatemala

Office of the High Representative - Bosnia-Herzegovina

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe - Mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina

United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Human Rights Verification Mission in Guatemala

Catholic Relief Services

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M.A. in International Affairs, Columbia University

B.A. in History and Spanish, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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RECENT PUBLICATION:

"Case Study: Comparative Aspects of the Human Rights Field Operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Guatemala." *The Human Rights Field Operation: Law, Theory and Practice.* Ed. Michael O'Flaherty. Ashgate Publishing, 2007.

WORLDLINK

RESPONDING TO CONFLICT: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

On January 22, WorldLink held its 12th Annual Youth Town Meeting (YTM). The student-selected theme was "On the Brink: Responding to Underlying Causes of Conflict." Speakers from around the world joined middle and high school students to discuss religious intolerance, gender inequality, xenophobia, racism and economic inequity. The following is an article written by Megan Murray of the Bishop's School about the day's closing plenary session.

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Delegates from Sunset High School take home WorldLink information in student-designed totes

The day ended with smiles, nerves and fulfilled expectations. The excited chatter of over 600 students subsided as WorldLink Intern Alix Reichert, senior at Our Lady of Peace, introduced the closing panel speakers: Amy Hyatt, U.S. Department of State diplomat, and Kevin Avruch, visiting scholar at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies and professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology at George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution.

Hyatt began her address with appreciation for both the WorldLink conference and the "gift" of knowledge, perspective and diversity it offers. Reflecting on her 24 years of experience in foreign affairs, she highlighted the difference between pursuing national interests in a hostile and careless way versus doing so in a way that achieves harmony, fosters cooperation and maintains sustainability. She advocated that through good choices comes positive change. Above all, she stressed, choosing understanding, mediation and compromise is the only way we can begin to resolve the conflicts that plague our diverse world.

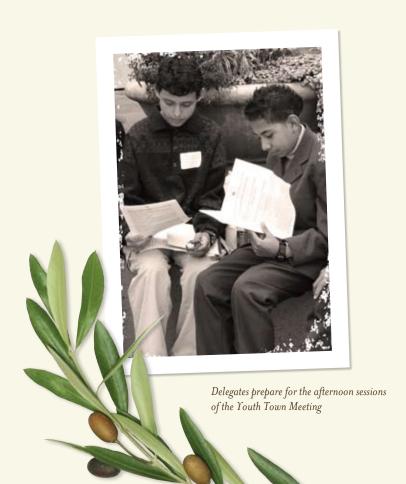
Avruch began his presentation by drawing attention to the theme of the closing plenary: "Where do we go from here?" He stressed that it was not enough to comprehend the root of world conflict, but that in order to address it effectively one needs to understand all its effects. He proceeded to break down the consequences of conflict into the psychological effect on the individual, the collective effect on local society and the greater effect on the larger global system. He stressed that on all these levels, politics and civil mediation shrink in the face of violent extremism. According to Avruch, addressing all of this requires

an "everywhere" attempt at peace. He stated that the first step toward such change is in "coming to grips" with inter-group conflict. He distinguished this kind of conflict from "constructive conflict"— the transition from bullets to ballots. The speech ended with a message of hope. "Human spirit can reign triumphant," by truly equipping oneself with the knowledge to resolve conflict.

** Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.**

MARGARET MEADE

The conclusion of the afternoon plenary was given by WorldLink Interns Milia Fisher, senior at Francis Parker, and Alec Howard, senior at Cathedral Catholic High School. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." The words of Margaret Meade via Howard resonated with the stimulated crowd of students. Their words summed up the messages and theme of the day — the choice of knowledge and awareness comes with the ability and responsibility to stand up for change. Understanding global conflicts is the first step toward resolving them. As youth inherit a world with a myriad of problems, conferences such as WorldLink's YTM prepare the new generation to combat conflict by understanding its roots, treating its effects, advocating for its resolution and inspiring other youth to do the same.





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Fostering Peace, Cultivating Justice and Creating a Safer World. Through education, research and peacemaking activities, the IPJ offers programs that advance scholarship and practice in conflict resolution and human rights.

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PEACE TALKS & JUSTICE MATTERS

By Interim Executive Director Dee Aker



7 headed southwest out of Davao City in a caravan of motorbikes, vans, cars and people who started this journey on foot. It was impossible to imagine all we might encounter in this show of support for discouraged residents of this large southern island of the Philippines who were demanding a resumption of the Mindanao peace process. Hour after hour we passed thousands upon thousands of people lining the road. They were chanting, waving placards, reaching out to us, handing us lists of signatures of school children and

displaced communities - all insistent on the return to the peace agreement that had been scrapped just at the moment it was to become the basis to end a seemingly intractable, deadly conflict.

The capacity of the human spirit to strive once again for peace, in spite of complex histories and brutal battles, touched me deeply as it always has. This is the power that advances the mission of the IPJ - the ordinary people who are trying to foster peace, cultivate justice and create a safer world.

Joan Kroc had faith in people's power to overcome the challenges they faced. The gift to the University of San Diego to create the institute was a manifestation of her passion to empower and encourage people continuing to seek both peace and justice against great odds. In the last six months, the IPJ has been on the ground, discovering resilience not only in the Philippines, but also Nepal, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guatemala and Colombia. We are speaking with, learning from and working beside people who are continuing to find and clear paths that will lead to a more inclusive, fair and just peace. Our many programs at home have included world spokespersons for human rights, refugees and various dimensions of peacebuilding. Our work with international youth and for gender-inclusive peacemaking has expanded. At the same time the IPJ has looked to the future and will begin a new chapter in its work here and internationally.

After a search of over a year, a new executive director has been chosen, as you have read on the front page of this newsletter. Milburn Line's vision and openness have already inspired the IPJ staff. I thank all of you for your support during my time as the interim director. I shall be refocusing on program development in my on-going post as deputy director. Please enjoy our newsletter.

IPJ MEDIA APPEARANCES

Dec. 9, 2008

NBC San Diego: Senior Program Officer Dustin Sharp on the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Dec. 10, 2008

San Diego 6 News: Sharp on the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Jan. 9, 2009

BBC Network Africa: Sharp on the coup d'etat in Guinea.

Jan. 23, 2009

NBC San Diego: Program Officer Karla Alvarez on WorldLink's Youth Town Meeting

Jan. 25, 2009

San Diego Union-Tribune: Interim Executive Director Dee Aker and Program Officer Elena McCollim on "Hearing the other voices in Colombia."

May 4, 2009

Image Channel (Nepal), "POWERtalks with Santosh Shah": Aker on the situations in Nepal and the Philippines, challenges for women engaging in peace processes, and the development of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies.

June 5, 2009

KUSI 9 News: Aker on President Barack Obama's engagement with Muslim, Arab and Jewish communities.

June 9, 2009

KUSI 9 News: Aker on U.S. journalists imprisoned in North Korea.

IPJ IN THE FIELD

GUATEMALA INITIATIVE GATHERS MOMENTUM



Mario Domingo speaks with M.A. student Jill Covert after his presentation

dhe IPJ's Guatemala Peacebuilding Initiative continued gathering momentum through attendance at public hearings of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, followed by a visit from representatives of the Archbishop's Office for Human Rights in Guatemala (ODHAG) and return trips to the country in January and June 2009.

At the hearings of the Inter-American Commission in Washington, D.C. in October 2008, Program Officer Elena McCollim tracked hearings on Guatemala and Colombia and met again with human rights leaders who had been consulted in an initial assessment trip by the IPJ the previous June.

In November, Carlos Alarcón and Mario Domingo of ODHAG spoke at two events during USD's International Education Week, under the umbrella theme: "Transitional Justice in Guatemala." Domingo, who was instrumental in prosecuting the case involving the murder of Bishop Juan Gerardi, spoke about the ongoing battle against impunity in Guatemala. Alarcón described the work done to disseminate to the

Guatemalan people the knowledge collected in "Guatemala: Never Again," the final report from the Recovery of Historical Memory Project, overseen by Gerardi before his murder.

In early 2009, McCollim served as one of four instructors in the class "Non-Profits and Civil Society in Guatemala," in USD's



Human rights defender Helen Mack of Guatemala presents before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (photo courtesy of Juan Manuel Herrera for the OAS)

School of Leadership and Education Sciences. Subsequent trips to the country strengthened existing relationships with key contacts, established new ones and coordinated regional roundtable dialogues.

For more information on the Guatemala Peacebuilding Initiative, please see http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/field/guatemala/.

IPJ STRENGTHENS TIES TO COLOMBIAN CIVIL SOCIETY

▼n December 2008, Interim Director Dee Aker and Program Officer LElena McCollim conducted an assessment in Colombia, meeting with university officials and governmental and nongovernmental agencies in the capital, Bogotá.

The team's assessment took place at the end of a year which saw a considerable weakening of the left-wing guerrilla forces, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). The civil society



McCollim (right) with representatives from Fundación Instituto para la Construcción de la Paz in Colombia

groups visited by the IPJ were unequivocal in repudiating the FARC, yet they also denounced the Colombian government's propensity to associate their groups personally with the guerrillas, thereby putting them in danger of reprisals by rightwing paramilitaries.

The Interchurch Commission of Justice and Peace, whose members have set up Humanitarian Zones for people caught in the conflict

who refuse to be displaced and thus resist incursions by the paramilitaries and guerrillas alike, is one such group. Because of their work, the commission is a target for assassination attempts by newly emerging criminal groups - thought by some to be regrouped paramilitaries.

The IPJ team also met with officials from the School for Peace and Development and the School of Social and Humane Sciences at the university Uniminuto, as well as with nongovernmental and government-affiliated organizations focusing on women, human rights, peacebuilding and peace education.

Despite - or perhaps because of - a tragic 45-year history of war, Colombia is a country with an incredibly vibrant peace movement. The IPJ is monitoring developments on the national scene through continued contact with the groups consulted, as well as participation in a network of U.S.-based nongovernmental organizations involved in issues concerning Colombia.

For more information, visit http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/ field/past_activities/colombia.php.

Institute Represented At International Colloquium In Liberia

s part of IPJ fieldwork in West Africa, Senior Program Officers Diana Kutlow and Dustin Sharp attended the International Colloquium on Women's Empowerment, Leadership Development, International Peace and Security, in Monrovia, Liberia in March 2009. The event was co-convened by Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Finnish President Tarja Halonen and attended by over 1,000 current and former heads of state, high-level government officials, market women from Liberia, youth, academics and representatives from nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations.

While in West Africa, Kutlow conducted video interviews on the 2009 theme for International Women's Day: "Women and men united to end violence against women and girls." The interviews - including with Joseph Boakai, vice-president of Liberia; Betty Bigombe, Ugandan peace negotiator; and Elsie-Bernadette Onubogu, gender adviser for the Commonwealth Secretariat - were shared with 200 attendees at the IPJ's celebration of International Women's Day.

ENGAGING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IN NEPAL



Participants engage in discussions during a workshop

rom April 23 through May 6, Dee Aker, interim executive director, Chris Groth, graduate intern, and a team of facilitators modeled and encouraged a "whole community" approach to working on some of Nepal's greatest post-conflict challenges. The team - including

Maj. Jason Ruedi of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at USD - conducted participatory seminars on the topics of army integration and community policing, and assessed the potential for building greater trust in democratic engagement by including security sector actors with political and civil society leaders in some difficult conversations about advancing peace in Nepal.

Beyond negotiation skills and simulations, the program included presentations on how the integration of former combatants was undertaken in Burundi, Northern Ireland and South Africa. After engaging with the "whole community" - that is, participants from the fields of security, politics and civil society - in the program "Managing Security Differences: Advancing Difficult Security Issue Conversations," a retired army general who is now working with the Maoists noted that he would "use these tools to provide structure for our conversations." He added that it is important to "bring more top leaders and decision makers into such training to enrich them and give them practice" in advancing negotiations.

In the program "Security and Peace Conversations: Engaging the Whole Community," the primary security sector representatives were from the police and Armed Police Force rather than the national army. Members of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), the armed wing of the Maoists, were present; it was a first encounter for some police and PLA.

As the historic challenge in many regions of Nepal is a distrust of police, the negotiation skills training centered on Community Oriented Policing (COP). Presentations by Maj. Ruedi and other members of the team provided factual international experiences with COP. A simulation

served to connect the concept to a specific scenario in Nepal, and participants previously only accusatory toward one another began to build trust.

Other members of the team included Gardner Heaton, senior consultant at Conflict Management Partners (CMPartners); Eric Henry, founder and managing partner of CMPartners; Upendra Malla,



Maj. Ruedi (right) listens to Bhim Rawal, recently appointed home minister in the government of Nepal

director of Manabiya Srot Bikas Kendra Nepal; Shobha Shrestha, program officer at South Asia Partnership-Nepal and USD alumna ('08, M.A. in Peace and Justice Studies); and Laura Taylor, USD alumna ('05, M.A. in Peace and Justice Studies) and former IPJ senior program officer now pursuing her doctoral degree at the University of Notre Dame.

THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE FOR PEACE IN MINDANAO

easefire Now!""Stop the War!""Respect Our Right to Live Peacefully!" The signs numbered in the hundreds, the people in the thousands. In a caravan of over 20 vehicles on the road from the cities of Davao to Cotabato, Interim Executive Director Dee Aker and Editor Emiko Noma passed waves of people and placards for over 18 hours, listening to voices and witnessing the desperation - and hopes for peace - on the war-torn Philippine island of Mindanao.



Schoolchildren demonstrating on Mindanao Peace Power Day

The pair participated in the International Solidarity Conference on Mindanao from March 16 to 18, which culminated in the caravan during the

mass demonstration known as Mindanao Peace Power Day. Organized by the Mindanao Peoples Caucus - which is headed by IPJ Woman PeaceMaker Mary Ann Arnado - the events sought to propose fresh strategies for resuming the official peace talks and raise international visibility of the conflict in Mindanao.

In July of last year, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front had come to an agreement on ancestral domain, a key issue in the peace talks that would clear the way to a more comprehensive settlement. But in August, at the official signing ceremony for the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain (MOA-AD), the Supreme Court halted the signing and the armed conflict resumed immediately, displacing hundreds of thousands of civilians and dashing the hopes of millions who saw the end of the decades-long war in sight.

At the conference, Aker co-facilitated a thematic workshop on the role of media in peacebuilding, drawing on lessons learned in places as varied as Uganda and Nepal. The nearly 200 delegates including 40 internationals from organizations such as Amnesty International, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue and the National



Woman PeaceMaker Mary Ann Arnado is interviewed before the start of Mindanao Peace Power Day

Democratic Institute - also deliberated on the topics of human rights, the situation of internally displaced people, security and international solidarity.

For a fuller report on the IPJ in the Philippines and to view the conference resolution and a slideshow from Mindanao Peace Power Day, please see http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/field/past_ activities/Philippines.php.

WOMEN PEACEMAKERS PROGRAM

DOCUMENTARY PREMIERES AT THE UNITED NATIONS

↑he IPJ partnered with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) for the second straight year to screen a film during the Commission on the Status of Women. This year "Rhythms to Peace," featuring IPJ Woman PeaceMaker from Cameroon, Susan Tenjoh-Okwen, had its world premiere at the Dag Hammerskjöld Library at U.N. Headquarters on March 2.



Kathy Sangha of Sun & Moon Vision Productions filming on location in Cameroon (photo courtesy of Sun & Moon Vision Productions)

Produced by the IPJ's film partner Sun & Moon Vision Productions, the film includes footage shot on location in the North West Province of Cameroon, made possible partly through a USD International Opportunities Grant. Tenjoh-Okwen joined IPJ Interim Executive Director Dee Aker, **UNIFEM Program Specialist** Antonia Ngabala and the film's co-producer Kathy Sangha for a panel discussion after the screening.

The film follows Tenjoh-Okwen from her childhood in a polygamous family in the North West Province of Cameroon to her work to resolve tribal conflicts - primarily among men - in her home village of Ashong.

"It was thrilling," remarked Tenjoh-Okwen after the screening. "I was very happy because people responded; they said they learned a lot from it. That actually made me pleased because I thought it was a unique situation, but people showed their interest."

Sangha, too, was grateful to screen the film before a room full of international delegates. "For us one of the greatest honors is to be able to screen at the United Nations, where we have delegates from all over the world to provide their feedback for the work that we are doing."

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KATHY SANGHA

Just a month later, "Rhythms to Peace" had its West Coast premiere at the IPJ. Though issues of polygamy and tribal disputes are seemingly unrelated to life in the United States, Sangha and her co-producers portray a personable and charismatic peacemaker. "In involving Susan and her personal story, we're hoping to connect through universal issues that are faced regarding gender, and we want the viewer to identify with her charismatic personality. I think she's very engaging that way." She also noted, "We'd like to get the U.S. audience more interested in the issues in Cameroon and form partnerships and collaborations."



Editor Emiko Noma, co-producers Rebecca Sangha and Kathy Sangha, and Program Officer Erika Lopez at the West Coast premiere of the film

IPJ DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Institute staff traveled to United Nations
Headquarters in New York at the beginning of March, where they presented at the 53rd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Every year, representatives of member states and nongovernmental organizations gather at U.N. headquarters to discuss the progress of women worldwide. This year delegates examined the topic of the equal participation of women and men in caregiving for those afflicted with HIV/ AIDS, as well as their equal participation in decision-making processes at all levels.

The IPJ presented a panel entitled "Critical Voices: Women, Men and Human Security," focused on the global culture of impunity, gender violence and exclusion which denies human security and obstructs peacebuilding. Representing the IPJ were Dee Aker, interim executive director, and Erika Lopez, program officer for the Women PeaceMakers Program.

Of particular note was the participation of IPJ Woman PeaceMaker Susan Tenjoh-Okwen of Cameroon. Speaking on behalf of her organization, the Moghamo Women's Cultural and Development Association, Tenjoh-Okwen described the ways in which "women are moving mountains" both in her own village in a remote part of Cameroon and around the world.

Also joining in the panel were Mark Marge, U.N. liaison for the International Action Network on Small Arms; Sarah Taylor, coordinator of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security; and Mirjana Dokmanovic, consultant and researcher for the Victimology Society of Serbia.

The event included the launch of "Crafting Human Security in an Insecure World," the final report from the September 2008 international working conference at the IPJ. The report covers the observations and recommendations of international experts who came together to address issues of gender-inclusive peacebuilding, sexual violence during conflict, advancing inclusive security and enforcing gender equality mandates.

IPJ DOCUMENTS THE WORK OF WOMEN PEACEMAKERS

The Women PeaceMakers Program documents the stories and best practices of international women leaders who are involved in human rights and peacemaking efforts in their home countries. The following is an excerpt from the narrative story "Furaha: A Friend's Story," from Healing the Wounds of War: The Peacebuilding Work of Sylvie Maunga Mbanga of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, written by Peace Writer Jennifer Freeman.

The full narrative and additional information on Mbanga and the DRC, as well as other narratives of the Women PeaceMakers, can be found at http://www.sandiego.edu/ peacestudies/ipj/programs/women_peace_makers/publications/narratives/.



A 13-year-old girl, raped by armed men, waits for treatment in a health clinic in Goma, eastern DRC (Photo by Tiggy Ridley for IRIN)

First they forced their way inside her house. Then they forced their way inside her body, inside her family and inside her memories - tearing apart everything they entered.

It was a war within a war, carried out by militiamen many with wives and families of their own - who had killed and seen others killed in the wars of Rwanda and eastern Congo. But somewhere a line had been crossed, from combatants fighting a military enemy, to agents of terror shredding the last threads of fabric that held intact the dignity and humanity of eastern Congo's communities. their son.... The commander approached Furaha. She began to wail as his hands gripped her. ...

The gunmen left Furaha's family alive, but some of their wounds were too deep to heal.

Furaha had made an attempt to address her physical injuries the day following the rape, going to the hospital for the doctor to examine the damage it had caused and to receive the cocktail of medications that would try to prevent many sexually transmitted diseases. However, there was no medication that could heal the psychological wounds....

... when Sylvie [Maunga Mbanga] proposed creating a national network with Furaha to provide assistance to survivors of sexual violence, she jumped at the idea. Furaha quickly began traveling to provinces to talk to women's groups about their network and started forming alliances in her area and in the east. Together, the women talk with local women's groups about small project ideas in remote conflict-affected areas. Recently, their organization received a project proposal for over \$1,000 to assist survivors of sexual violence in a province where women were being caught between warring militias. Much more money is needed as word spreads and victims come forth seeking assistance.

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But Furaha finally has an outlet for the pain she suffered - a vocation to help other women speak about suffering that has long been unmentionable in Congolese society, and a venue for them to access both support and solidarity in their healing. Together, Sylvie and Furaha continue to raise money and build partnerships with local organizations to help women come out of the isolation Furaha knows so well.

Furaha heard them enter her compound. It was 2004. Gen. Nkunda's militia had invaded Bukavu and was now moving door-to-door, plundering the riches and bodies of its citizens. Quickly, Furaha and her husband ordered their daughters into the bedroom....

They could hear the men at their front door, demanding to be let in....

The commander ordered his men to train their guns on the couple and

Women Peacemakers Recognized Internationally



U.S. Ambassador Kristie Kenney and former Philippine President Corazon Aquino present the award to Arnado (center)

Leadership Program.

Mary Ann Arnado, IPJ Woman PeaceMaker from Mindanao in the Philippines, was awarded the Benigno S. Aquino Jr. Fellowship for Professional Development in Public Service from the U.S. Embassy in Manila. It was presented to Arnado on February 5 and includes a three-week exchange visit

to the United States through the State Department's International Visitor



Christiana Thorpe

Christiana Thorpe, IPJ peacemaker from Sierra Leone, is the recipient of the 2009 German Africa Award given by the German Africa Foundation. She was chosen unanimously by an independent jury for her work as chairperson of the National Electoral Commission and overseeing the successful elections in 2007.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

Former President of U.N. General Assembly Presents on Negotiating for Fundamental Freedoms



Eliasson addresses the topic of protecting civilians in armed conflict

Negotiation and conflict resolution come naturally to Ambassador Jan Eliasson of Sweden, but he has also built his negotiating skills through experience, as was evident during his March visit to the institute. His many

accomplishments include over 40 years of diplomatic service, comprised of such diverse positions as Special Envoy of the U.N. Secretary-General for Darfur, U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and 60th President of the U.N. General Assembly.

Ambassador Eliasson's first of three presentations at USD, "Armed Conflict: The Cost to Civilians," concluded the 2008-2009 Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture Series on protecting fundamental freedoms. Reviewing the recent conflicts of our time, Ambassador Eliasson gave a grim report of increases in civilian deaths in armed conflict due to the proliferation and sophistication of weapons and the spread of protracted civil wars. In addition, he described how the fundamental issue of human security is too often subordinated to issues of national identity.

He went on to offer hope to the audience of over 300 by describing the progress made through international agreements such as U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325, which addresses the importance of women's contributions to sustainable peace, the 2006 Responsibility to Protect

doctrine and Security Council Resolution 1820, which declared that rape can constitute a war crime. By understanding the legal framework of international humanitarian law, he claimed, it is possible to create innovative solutions to the discord in the world today. Ambassador Eliasson closed his lecture with the passionate declaration, "I say no to despair. I say no to anguish. And I say yes to determination to change the issues that are so wrong."

The following day Ambassador Eliasson gave two presentations to USD students. Speaking to officer candidates in USD's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps on the intersection of military efforts and humanitarian aid, he shared his experience in Sweden's navy and his perspectives on the conflicts the naval officers would be involved in following their commissioning in May.

Saving his favorite topic for last, the ambassador addressed "The Who, the When and the How of Mediation." Citing examples from his negotiation work in the Balkans, Iran, Iraq, Mozambique, Somalia and Sudan, he shared practical negotiation techniques with graduate students in both the law school and the master's program in Peace and Justice Studies. He claims as one of his successes the first use of the "humanitarian corridor" concept for emergency aid to civilians in the Sudanese conflict. Admittedly energized by the youth on a university campus, he ended each presentation with a call to action for the next generation, stating, "Everybody has a responsibility. Nobody can do everything but everyone can do something. . . . We have to work together, that's the only way."

Ambassador Eliasson's lecture, "Armed Conflict: The Cost to Civilians," is now available in podcast form on iTunes U.

IPJ INSIDER

THE FAITH CLUB CHALLENGES STEREOTYPES



The audience in the Peace & Justice Theatre applauds the authors of The Faith Club

Three women of three faiths came together on stage in the Peace & Justice Theatre of the IPJ on Nov. 12, 2008, to share the story of their quest for understanding of and respect for each other's religious beliefs. Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner, authors of the book *The Faith Club*, shared their personal, honest, sometimes

painful and ultimately deeply transformational interfaith journey with an overflowing theatre of more than 350 students, faculty and community members – including San Diego leaders from each of the major Abrahamic faiths. This was The Faith Club's second visit to USD, as their presentation in the fall of 2007 was cancelled due to the wildfires affecting the area.

The audience's desire to learn ways of relating to those of other faiths was evident, especially during the question-and-answer portion of the presentation when attendees asked direct questions about the authors' beliefs, religious practices and faith experiences. One student in attendance was inspired to start a "faith club" of her own, and a survey following the event showed that nearly one-half of attendees thought that the talk changed some of their preconceptions about the religions presented.

At a time when cultural and religious stereotyping is common, The Faith Club offered an example of how understanding and self-knowledge can grow through dialogue, even when that dialogue is at times challenging personally, emotionally and intellectually.

MILITARY ANALYST GOES BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Tarc Garlasco, senior military analyst at Human Rights Watch, arrived Ifor his presentation at the IPJ in May 2009 in a sharp suit and a pair of heavy black boots, a perfect analogy for his line of work. A battle damage specialist, he must alternately inhabit the disparate worlds of battlefield researcher and sleek media expert.

Garlasco travels to the frontlines of conflicts around the world, documenting the human rights violations of nations and groups who choose to employ a myriad of unsavory tactics and weapons, and putting to work the acumen and weapons savvy he gained as a senior intelligence analyst at the Pentagon.



Marc Garlasco (© 2009 Bruno Stevens)

Through this work, Garlasco and Human Rights Watch hope to keep these abuses in the world's view - despite the often vacillating eye of the media - and entice enough public outrage that the perpetrators of these now documented crimes

will desist. At the same time, his work alerts local populations to the dangers of war detritus, such as the unexploded cluster bomb munitions on a farm in Georgia after the conflict in the region of South Ossetia - a discovery he spoke of during his presentation: "Being there at the point that we were, getting in where no one else was getting access to, we were able to provide the filter through all the propaganda so that we can tell the story."

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Garlasco's ultimate goal is to establish the precedent that any use of illegal weapons will be met with such an immediate, unyielding and forceful cry from the rest of the world that it will become unthinkable in the first place.

IPJ SALON ENGAGES LOCAL COMMUNITY IN PEACE ISSUES



Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

ne of the best-kept secrets at the IPJ is the Salon, a peace and conflict discussion group. Each month, about a dozen members of this invitation-only group - faculty members from USD and local universities, as well as NGO representatives or other professionals - gather over lunch to discuss a select topic in the field of conflict resolution and peacebuilding. Members take turns introducing the topic and facilitating the subsequent free-wheeling dialogue across disciplines and professions.

During its first year, the Salon covered topics as diverse as the Global Peace Index, the first metric devised to measure the degree of "peacefulness" of a country; political terrorism; the dilemmas of peacebuilding in Africa; and climate change. The Salon has continued in 2008 and 2009 with a discussion of prosecutions of high-level war criminals, a critique of the International Criminal Court and the role of journalism during democratic transitions.

Joan B. Kroc Peace Scholar Kevin Avruch, who led a recent session on the history of the field of conflict resolution, remarked: "The Salon is but one more way by which the IPJ at the School of Peace Studies continues to foster dialogue and community among the growing number of scholars and practitioners dedicated to conflict and peace studies in the San Diego area."

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION THROUGH SERVICE



Capt. Woolley, a member of the IPI's Advisory Committee, moderates the banel

Each year, the IPJ and other USD departments join hundreds of college campuses across the nation to celebrate International Education Week. On Nov. 18, 2008, the IPJ and the Ahlers Center for International Business sponsored an event, "Serving Your Country, Serving the Global Community," to highlight international humanitarian work through a partnership between the military and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

This year, speakers from the naval hospital ship USNS Mercy and U.S. Navy Amphibious Squadron Five detailed the humanitarian and civic deployments conducted in the Latin American, Southeast Asian and Oceanic regions. The missions comprised a multinational collection of medics, engineers and local organizations in host countries and provided crucial medical, surgical and engineering services for people in remote areas with limited access to medical care. Capt. Mark Woolley, commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, San Diego, moderated the panel comprised of military personnel, NGO representatives and dental school students.

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AFFILIATED FACULTY MEMBER LAUNCHES PEACEBUILDING BOOK



Charles Reilly (right) with Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein in Northern Ireland

Peacebuilding and Development in Guatemala and Northern Ireland, a book by Charles Reilly, Ph.D., senior lecturer in peacebuilding at the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, was recently published by Palgrave Macmillan. The book analyzes the implementation of peace processes in Northern Ireland and Guatemala, with emphasis on the role of civil society and religious organizations.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Peter Gathuru, '03 (M.A.)

Gathuru is working as a community security specialist in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration with the United Nations Development Programme in Kassala, Sudan.

Naupess Kibiswa, '04 (M.A.)

Kibiswa started his Ph.D. in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution at Nova Southeastern University in January 2009.

Laura Taylor, '05 (M.A.)

Taylor completed her first year toward a dual Ph.D. in Psychology and Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, where she is part of the Peacebuilding Apprenticeship Initiative. Through the initiative, Taylor partners with John Paul Lederach and Maria Lucia Zapata, primarily focusing on reconciliation and conflict transformation in Colombia. For more information on the initiative, see http://kroc.nd.edu/newsevents/news/peacebuilders-share-work-and-wisdom-apprentices-worldwide-485.

Kevin Turner, '03 (M.A.)

Turner is a human rights officer in the Field Operations and Technical Cooperation Division for the Latin American and Caribbean Unit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Chris Yanov, '03 (M.A.)

Yanov continues to bring his nonprofit organization, Reality Changers, to new heights. The organization helps San Diego's socioeconomically disadvantaged youth to apply to college. This fall, Reality Changers' graduates will enter schools such as Harvard, Dartmouth and UCLA. For more information, see www.realitychangers.org.

Q & A WITH KEVIN AVRUCH, Ph.D.



Kevin Avruch was the Joan B. Kroc Peace Scholar during Spring 2009. He is professor of Conflict Resolution and Anthropology in the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR) at George Mason University, where he previously served as associate director from 2005 to 2008. Avruch has published more than 50 articles and essays and is the author or editor of five books. He is currently investigating sources of political

violence in protracted conflicts, the role of truth and reconciliation commissions in post-conflict peacebuilding, and cultural aspects of complex bumanitarian and peacekeeping operations.

1. As the second Joan B. Kroc Peace Scholar, you are part of the foundation the School of Peace Studies is building. What do you see as the school's strengths thus far?

This is a well thought-out program. In taking on his task as founding dean in a considered way - convening groups of scholars and practitioners, looking carefully at other programs, consulting widely in the field and thinking through the overall goals of the M.A. program and the specifics of the shape of the new curriculum - William Headley has been able to articulate clearly the school's main themes around the notion of "human development." These are human rights, conflict resolution, sustainable development and human security.

The other obvious strength that deserves mention is the two institutes, the IPJ and Trans-Border Institute (TBI), which predate the school. The IPJ - well-established and respected in our field - gives the school an existing window on the world of practice, and TBI offers a link to San Diego's most important neighbor.

2. The school is launching a revised curriculum in Fall 2009, which will include an internship for students who do not have previous field experience. As the former associate director of the renowned ICAR

program, what do you see as the essential components that make up the academic foundation students should have before they go into the field?

Ideally, students - through core and elective coursework - should be familiar with the history and development of the field, its core theories and its best practices. And they definitely should have "hands-on" experience, which an internship can provide. What they need to know most is that the field is changing and developing rapidly, and that few curricula entirely survive more than four or five years - nor should they. Curricula must reflect the demands of best (and ethical) practice.

3. What do you see as your greatest success thus far during your career – whether in the classroom or the field?

My greatest success undoubtedly is my students, both M.S. and Ph.D. graduates, who have gone on in large measure to populate the field. They include both Dean Headley and Assistant Professor Ami Carpenter [in the School of Peace Studies] - quite a chronological jump there!

4. As a veteran in the field of conflict analysis and resolution, where do you see the field going in the next five to 10 years?

I hope to see the field institutionalized in education at all levels, from K-12 (in peace studies curricula and peer-mediation programs) as well as in colleges and universities. I especially hope the field grows in schools outside North America, in places beset by serious conflict where such programs and graduates are most sorely needed.

I also hope that the values of the field get truly institutionalized in the conduct of international relations. In one sense this is already happening, as the established notion of, for instance, "national security" has been supplemented in recent years by the newer idea of "human security," an idea much closer to the values of our field.

5. After five months at USD, what will you be taking back to ICAR? I will take back the excitement of starting something new. And, at least for a while, a San Diego tan.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: JUDY KAMANYI

n May 2, Judy Kamanyi, alumna of the inaugural class of the master's program in Peace and Justice Studies, received the Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award from the University of San Diego, the first honoree from the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies.

Kamanyi is currently working as an advisor and consultant, most recently on child protection with the Ugandan Ministry of Gender. During the Juba Peace Process between the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army, she served as a facilitator in the national consultations on accountability and reconciliation and helped develop a three-year Recovery and Disaster Risk Reduction Program through the Office of the Prime Minister and the United Nations Development Programme. Kamanyi previously led one of the pioneer women's development organizations in Uganda, Action for Development, and headed the East African Center for Constitutional Development, a regional organization working on issues of democratic development, good governance and human rights.

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