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A TENTATIVE CELEBRATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY

by Alicia Simoni



On the 10-year anniversary of the landmark adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325, the Women PeaceMakers Program convened its 2010 conference, "Precarious Progress: U.N. Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security."

From September 29 to October 1, the international working conference brought more than 175 women and men from 47 countries to the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ). Speakers and delegates included U.N. officials, peace mediators, police and security officers, female peacekeepers, government officials, directors of national and international organizations, judges and attorneys, technical advisors, scholars and policy experts.

In 2000, UNSCR 1325 set forth a historic legal and political framework that recognized the mutually reinforcing factors of women's protection, prevention and participation in ensuring international security. Celebrating progress made in implementing this resolution while also recognizing the continued work that needs to be done, the conference provided a forum for experts, practitioners, scholars and activists to share information, brainstorm next steps and formulate innovative new strategies and partnerships.

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—SANAM ANDERLINI

The conference commenced with a spirited talk by Distinguished Lecturer Monica McWilliams, one of two women to sign the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland in 1998. (For more on McWilliams' lecture, see page 2.) Many of the issues highlighted during her lecture – from the reality of peace as a protracted process to the importance of documenting women's stories – surfaced as key points of discussion in the following days' conference sessions, not least of which was McWilliams' powerful closing message: "It is time to turn aspirations into guarantees."

Sanam Anderlini, co-founder of the International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN), provided a frank assessment of the current reality of

global security: "We're still in a world where if you're violent you get heard. If you throw bombs, eventually someone invites you to a very nice peace process."

Against this backdrop, conference speakers and delegates offered insights on good practices and innovative strategies to catalyze new thinking and forward progress on women, peace and security. Among the key strategies discussed was the imperative for more gender-inclusive security policies. Several female peacekeepers – serving on the Jordanian mission in Sudan and the Indian mission in Liberia – offered firsthand accounts of the critical comparative advantage women in uniform provide in conflict settings.



Peacekeepers Asmahan Alawaisheh, Shubhra Tiwari and Doreen Malambo facilitating a working session on the impact of women in U.N. peacekeeping missions

As Rakhi Sahi, commander of the all-female 2nd Indian Formed Police Unit in Liberia, poignantly stated, "Forced incest, public rape, deliberate infection of HIV, forced pregnancies, rape with torture, and mutilations are used for maximum humiliation to shred the social fabric of societies. Peacekeepers in uniform may be the first responders. And women peacekeepers react better."

The IPJ and the co-conveners of the 2010 Women PeaceMakers Conference issued an official statement calling on all relevant actors to heed the actionable recommendations that emerged from this momentous conference – with the stark recognition that unless and until they do, "any investment in peace and security will be both inefficient and insufficient."

The conference statement can be found at www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/documents/ipj/2010-Conference-Statement.pdf

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER SHARES HER STORY AND SPARK

Humor, commitment and courage were all on display when Monica McWilliams, the chief commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, presented the keynote address at the Women PeaceMakers Conference as the opening Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) speaker for the 2010-2011 academic year. As this year's series focuses on post-conflict challenges, McWilliams spoke about both the difficulties in securing women's participation in peace negotiations and, just as importantly, assuring their voices are heard once negotiations are completed.

While at the IPJ, all DLS speakers are interviewed by IPJ staff, USD faculty or other experts in their field. The interview, along with the speaker's biography and lecture transcript, are published in print and on the web. The following are edited excerpts from IPJ Deputy Director Dee Aker's interview with McWilliams, looking at how the women's rights movement in Northern Ireland built the foundation for the Women's Coalition party and the election of McWilliams and another representative to a seat at the peace table.



McWilliams narrates her involvement in the women's movement and Northern Ireland's peace process

On "the troubles" in Northern Ireland and the dangers of a polarized society: "All around you was havoc and chaos. In my second year of university in 1974, these terrible events started to happen. There was this massive strike - we had no electricity and no water. My sister was doing her finals, and we had a little car that got us to her campus and we had to drive through people wearing balaclavas and threatening us with baseball bats. One of them was one of her pupils and he let us go, but we put ourselves in an incredibly dangerous situation that could have had a really bad outcome. And unfortunately, it did have a really bad outcome for a very good friend. We used to hitch to Belfast as students, and someone picked him up. The next we knew his body was dumped, and later we found out that he'd been tortured before he was shot through the head. That had an incredible impact, as you can imagine, as a young undergraduate."

On McWilliams' growth into a women's rights activist, after post-graduate work in the United States:

"I went home, not sure of whether I'd come back and do the doctorate in the United States or whether I'd stay. Once I got home I realized I probably couldn't go back, that I really wanted to get involved at home.

At that stage my whole consciousness had really been coming to the fore in terms of women's rights. I arrived home just as the women's movement was getting off the ground, and I threw myself heart and soul into it."

On the challenges and success of forming the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition:

"We got a lot of criticism for not being the People's Coalition. People said to us, 'You're sexist, so you're just as sectarian as the rest of the parties because you're only speaking to one part of the community.' And I said, 'No, we're looking for men's votes.' We used to knock on doors and the husband would say, 'I'll go and get the wife.' But I said, 'I need your vote, too.' And he'd say, 'Oh, well I'm just going to vote the same way as I've always voted.'"

"... we wanted to create a situation where we could get more people's solutions for peace."

—MONICA McWILLIAMS

"We never ever intended to get elected and, in many ways, we wanted to get out of there as quickly as we'd got in. We weren't going to change the face of politics; it was more that we wanted to create a situation where we could get more people's solutions for peace. We aimed to get more women into politics, and really it was a vanguard action to the other parties. When I was elected to the first assembly, I was completely shocked. But you had to be elected to be part of the implementation of the peace agreement. And that was my only reason for staying elected, because I wanted to be part of seeing through what I had signed up to."

On the potential for lasting peace in Northern Ireland:

"There is hope. I see it in the 'prison to peace projects,' where a lot of ex-prisoners are prepared to go out into communities, and schools are inviting them in to talk about civic education and human rights education. I never got that education. I could have told you more about the Spanish Civil War than I could about human rights. I think there is obviously a possibility for the next generation, but they must, must find politics as something they want to be involved in. And that taste must be a taste that they enjoy - that they're grasping for and seeking and wanting."

To read other DLS interviews online or order booklets for any speaker, go to <http://peace.sandiego.edu/dls>



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RECENT IPJ PUBLICATIONS

Milburn Line

"From Security Configurations to Sustainable Peace." Paper presented in Beijing, China, at the International Conference on the Process of Reconciliation and Historical Reflections in East Asia and Europe after the Second World War. Sept. 4, 2010.

"Counterpoint: A New Plan for Colombia." *International Herald Tribune*. Aug. 18, 2010.

"U.S. needs to reevaluate Plan Colombia." *Los Angeles Times*. Aug. 5, 2010.

"From 'Drill, baby, drill' to a blue ocean strategy: U.S. leadership for a changing world." *San Diego Daily Transcript*. June 24, 2010.

PEACE TALKS & JUSTICE MATTERS

By Executive Director Milburn Line



The first time I worked in Guatemala 16 years ago, it was to monitor a U.N. human rights agreement in a long-term civil war described as "low intensity" only by analysts not caught in the middle of it. The second time was a USAID effort to support civil society in fulfilling the goals of a peace process in a post-conflict era that still offered much hope. This time the IPJ is supporting a collaborative effort (see page 4) to strengthen local communities' ability to work with justice agencies in a time of generalized violence, corruption and crime.

Working with local populations to address peace and justice challenges is the most fulfilling part of our work here at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. As we celebrate our 10th anniversary, we are both reflecting on our efforts to date and planning our future work for what we hope will go far beyond a university think tank - our own peace and justice "action tank."

In the places we currently work - Guatemala, Nepal and West Africa - armed confrontations that lasted decades are contained by peace processes that stopped the organized violence but have not yet achieved a foundation of justice and trust for going forward. As USD's Charles Reilly notes in his book *Peace-Building & Development in Guatemala and Northern Ireland*, "Cease-fires and signed agreements are just a preface, and are often the easier part of building peace." People continue to be overwhelmed with the legacies of conflict that may take many decades to transcend. The IPJ, unlike temporal field projects, has the ability to develop long-term relationships and strategies to address those legacies through active learning and collaboration in the field.

We believe that our core strengths lie in continuing to support the work of human rights defenders, youth and women peacebuilders in the field, ensuring that their efforts have local impact and contribute to policy transformation. Over the next 10 years we hope to build on our current initiatives - mobilizing our Women PeaceMakers at the regional level and expanding our WorldLink Program beyond the 35 middle and high schools in San Diego and Tijuana to include youth from places such as the Philippines and Kenya - and establish additional field programs in countries facing continued challenges in peacebuilding. By securing additional resources to build the capacity of the IPJ and USD to address human rights and transform and prevent conflict, we will create new programs that fulfill Joan Kroc's dream of the IPJ being a place that works to achieve peace with justice.

These pages share our ongoing activities at the end of our first decade. Please join us as we continue over the next one to build an institute with greater opportunities for collaboration, learning and impact.

Emiko Noma

"For Those Who Came Before Us." *Peace X Peace: Voices from the Frontlines*. July 27, 2010.

Emiko Noma and Alicia Simoni

"Women Building Peace: Using Narratives to Understand Impact." Paper presented in Sydney, Australia, at the bi-annual conference of the International Peace Research Association. July 8, 2010.

IPJ IN THE FIELD

IPJ AWARDED GUATEMALA JUSTICE PROJECT GRANT



Sister Virginia Searing, director of the Barbara Ford Peace Center, facilitates a review of the baseline survey with local justice agencies and advocates in Quiché

longer prevalent, dysfunctional or inefficient justice processes continue in Guatemala. As a result, the public has little confidence in the state's capacity to provide justice or security. Moving beyond impunity and toward the rule of law will require effective civil society engagement with the constitutional (retributive) legal system and Mayan customary (restorative) justice programs.

Many human rights and justice efforts have focused predominantly on legal mechanisms, reforming legal codes and training attorneys – to the exclusion of the users of the justice system who seek redress for injustice. But especially in contexts of historical impunity and massive rights violations, as in the case of Guatemala, it is important to structure more integrated approaches to justice that include civil society actors and populations seeking justice. Building on the energy and effective non-traditional legal empowerment efforts of Quiché civil society organizations and justice interlocutors, the IPJ's three-year collaborative project will continue to identify more inclusive methods for indigenous people to realize their rights and participate as full-fledged citizens in justice processes.

This initiative builds on a workshop with the Quiché Conflict Network in June 2009 (see Peace & Justice Compass, Vol. 4, Issue 1). An IPJ team traveled to Guatemala in August 2010 to conduct an initial baseline assessment that will shape the project's participatory design. Justice officials, civil society organizations and local communities were consulted to ensure the project will focus on issues of relevance that can be moved forward. IPJ Executive Director Milburn Line returned to Quiché in October to review the baseline and work with the CBF on the next steps, including multi-sectoral strategic planning.

To follow our efforts in Guatemala, go to www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/field/guatemala



Map no. 3834 Rev. 3, May 2004 – United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Cartographic Section

The IPJ, in collaboration with the Barbara Ford Peace Center (CBF) in Quiché, Guatemala, has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor to assist indigenous people in exercising their civil and political rights.

More than half of the 646 massacres of largely Mayan indigenous villages documented by the truth commission in Guatemala were perpetrated in Quiché, which continues to suffer the legacies of violence, poverty and exclusion. Though politically motivated killings, disappearances and torture characteristic of the conflict are no

TRAINING HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES IN BOTSWANA

In many ways, Botswana is an unusual location for a human rights training. It is frequently ranked as sub-Saharan Africa's best governed country, having successfully used its diamond wealth to fuel national development. And compared to some of its troubled neighbors like Zimbabwe, human rights violations are not widespread in Botswana.

Thanks to the work of the African Human Rights Consortium, however, Botswana is on its way to becoming a hub for training human rights leaders from throughout the sub-region. And its calm and orderly capital, Gaborone, is a good location for reflection and study. The consortium is the brainchild of Peter Takirambudde, the former executive director of Human Rights Watch's Africa division.

In July 2010, USD Assistant Professor Dustin Sharp (see page 11), who leads the IPJ's West African Human Rights Training Initiative (WAHRTI), traveled to Gaborone to conduct a training on human rights research and documentation. Trainees came from a wide variety of countries, including Kenya, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Liberia and Botswana itself. While many were drawn from the NGO sector, a significant number of participants work for government. The training focused on research design, investigative fieldwork techniques, data analysis, report production and advocacy.

"Over time, it is my hope that the collaboration between the IPJ, which largely focuses on human rights training in West Africa, and the consortium, which focuses on trainings in East and Southern Africa, will help to cultivate the next generation of human rights talent and leadership on the continent," said Sharp.

In January 2011, Sharp plans to travel to Liberia and Guinea to conduct trainings with local human rights groups as part of the IPJ's WAHRTI project.

For more on WAHRTI, go to www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/field/west_africa.php

WORLDLINK

GLOBAL ORGANIZED CRIME ON TRIAL AT 2011 MEETING



Preparations are underway for the WorldLink Program's 14th Annual Youth Town Meeting on January 21, 2011. This year, the student selected theme is "Crimes Without Borders: Threats to Human Security." Students and teachers will spend the 2010-2011 academic year focusing on the local and international implications of human trafficking, illicit drug trade, gangs, terrorism and small arms.

More than 700 students from schools from North County to Rosarito, Mexico, are expected to attend this year's event. Speakers representing the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition, Drug Enforcement Administration, San Diego County Sheriff's Department, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and a panel of former gang members, among others, will share their experiences with the students.

WorldLink Fall Interns Elena Bellaart, senior at Patrick Henry High School, and Katie Athis, senior at Academy of Our Lady of Peace, are working with Program Officer Karla Alvarez to lead student outreach and logistics for the event. "Young people are usually very interested and motivated when they learn about the kinds of things the Youth Town Meeting will address. This is exactly the mindset that inspires change, so it's exciting to be part of fostering that mentality in my generation," reflects Bellaart.

HUMANITY FOR SALE?

In preparation for the Youth Town Meeting, WorldLink held a Youth Forum on human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. A panel of four speakers included a service provider, police detective, an arts therapist and a human trafficking survivor. "I made a promise to my brothers and sisters I would not die before I told our story," said Malaki Hendrix, who recounted being sold by his impoverished mother as a young boy in the Philippines.



Students participate in San Diego Youth Services H&nds Project after the forum

Nearly 140 students from various high schools, as well as USD undergraduate and graduate students, attended the forum. "How can we as a community help or try to stop what's happening to the kids?" a visibly overwhelmed and frustrated high school senior from CETYS Universidad in Tijuana, Alex Rodriguez, asked. "Because I feel anger. I just can't express ... I just feel like a child should never be treated like that. I live in Tijuana and I know this stuff happens there. I've seen people. I don't really know their stories, but I've seen them."



photo courtesy of Outside the Lens Youth Media Crew

Following the lecture, attendees participated in a workshop led by the H&nds Project at San Diego Youth Services. Participants were asked to draw outlines of their hands on a large canvas with messages of hope and action in response to the forum's illumination of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. The canvas and photographs will be displayed as an exhibit at the Youth Town Meeting in January.

IPJ MEDIA APPEARANCES

Nov. 18, 2010
KPBS Radio, "These Days": Peace Writer Sofia Javed on her Peace Corps volunteer experience and the IPJ panel event honoring the Peace Corps' 50 years of service.

Sept. 26, 2010
San Diego Union-Tribune: The Women PeaceMakers and Deputy Director Dee Aker featured in an article, "Four Women Bring Lessons of Peace to San Diego."



Karla Alvarez (standing) with WorldLink interns (l-r) Brittany Keegan, Olivia Williams and Sara Linsen in the radio studio

July 28, 2010
wsRadio, "Your Family Matters": Program Officer Karla Alvarez and three WorldLink summer interns on this year's theme, "Crimes Without Borders: Threats to Human Security."

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

IPJ Senior Program Officer Diana Kutlow was a recipient of USD's 2010 Community of Human Resources Employee Recognition Award for her significant contributions to the university's core values. A diligent manager of the Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture Series, Kutlow brings high-level leaders and policymakers to USD to share knowledge and broaden understanding on issues of peace and justice.



IPJ GROUNDBREAKING — 10 YEARS

Joan B. Kroc (center), IPJ founder and benefactress, at the institute's groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 6, 1999, with Pamela Gray Payton (left), now assistant vice president of Public Affairs, and Joanne Warren (right), chair of USD Board of Trustees at the time

"It brings me great joy to congratulate you on the 10th anniversary of the Institute for Peace & Justice. When I hear news of the violence, sorrows, hostilities and injustices around the world, I am encouraged to think of you and your work in learning and teaching human rights and making tireless efforts to build peace. I think of Joan Kroc and the message of peace she wanted to share. Happy anniversary - and many more years of bringing the message of peace to others."

— Alice B. Hayes, former president of USD (at IPJ's founding) and friend of Joan Kroc



WOMEN PEACEMAKERS PROGRAM — 8 YEARS

Shinjita Alam of Bangladesh, a Woman PeaceMaker in 2008, meeting with her peace writer, Ilze Dzhenovska, in the IPJ's Garden of the Sea

"Some 10 years ago, it was my distinct privilege to address the inaugural celebration of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. It was a memorable occasion held in the presence of the late Joan Kroc. Her delight on that day was apparent and enjoyed by all in attendance. It has been my added privilege to have taught for a semester at the IPJ, when I learned firsthand the value of its programs and its outreach to women and men on all continents. I look forward to maintaining this association in the coming years."

— Justice Richard J. Goldstone
IPJ International Council member

"The spirit and work of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice is a vital, vibrant asset to the University of San Diego's culture and mission. As we strive to be and become a university of peace - transforming our students and the world around us - the institute consistently embodies and upholds USD's core commitment to serve with compassion, foster peace and work for justice."

— Mary E. Lyons, president of USD



DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES — 8 YEARS

Jane Goodall, renowned primatologist and U.N. Messenger of Peace, was a Distinguished Lecturer in April 2008.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF

"While the new institute building was going up on the old running track at USD, the four of us on the IPJ staff in the fall of 2000, together with faculty and administrators, started constructing the programs that would advance non-violent mechanisms to resolve violent conflict and respect human rights and dignity. Joan Kroc, our wonderful benefactress, encouraged us through her occasional impromptu visits and her frequent phone calls. In applying theory to practice on the ground in conflict areas around the world and by preparing students and interns to continue the work of peacemaking and peacebuilding, I believe that the IPJ is fulfilling Mrs. Kroc's dream."

— Joyce Neu, first executive director of the IPJ



NEPAL PROJECT — 10 YEARS

Nepalis celebrating in the streets after successful non-violent protests brought down the monarchy in 2006. The IPJ was on the ground during Nepal's pro-democracy revolution.



WORLDLINK PROGRAM — 14 YEARS

Shinpei Takeda, co-founder and creative director of the AjA Project, leads an interactive briefing session during WorldLink's 8th Annual Youth Town Meeting, in January 2005. Initiated as a program of the World Affairs Council in 1997, WorldLink moved to the IPJ in 2000.

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE



WEST AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING INITIATIVE — 1 YEAR

Participants in the IPJ's Sierra Leone human rights training in January 2010 hone documentation skills during a simulated interview exercise

"I once told an IPJ audience that we need to step back from all the problems we give a military face and solution to and think of them as component parts of a larger issue. Now that I spend a lot of my time in mediation, I have learned a whole new world of techniques and seen how alliances with those working toward prevention and resolution can open new thinking. The Institute for Peace & Justice - with its commitment, work and interest in collaborating for a safer world in conflict and post-conflict settings - has taken important steps in its first 10 years to educate at home and encourage peace abroad. Congratulations."

— General Anthony Zinni
IPJ International Council member



GUATEMALA JUSTICE PROJECT — NEW

Program Officer Elena McCollim gathers with Mujeres por la Paz (Women for Peace), an Ixil women's cooperative in the town of Nebaj, in June 2009

WOMEN PEACEMAKERS PROGRAM

2010 WOMEN PEACEMAKERS AND PEACE WRITERS

Vaiba Kebeh Flomo of Liberia, a social worker and peace activist working to heal her nation and its women from Liberia's 14-year civil war, is working with Peace Writer **Sara Koenders**, a civic integration consultant from the Netherlands with conflict research experience in Guatemala and Brazil.

Sarah Akoru Lochodo is an assistant chief in Kenya's pastoralist Turkana District and the only woman negotiating among the region's conflicting semi-nomadic communities. She is working with Peace Writer **Sigrid Tornquist**, a freelance writer and editor currently pursuing an M.F.A in writing.



2010 Women PeaceMakers Sarah Lochodo, Merlie Mendoza, Vaiba Flomo and Nora Tapiwa (photo courtesy of Michelle Zpusmer)

Merlie "Milet" Mendoza of the Philippines, a humanitarian worker with peacebuilding experience both in the government in Manila and on the ground in conflicted communities in Mindanao, is working with Peace Writer **Mary Liepold**, editor in chief of Peace X Peace, a global e-network for women making peace.

Nora Chengeto Tapiwa, a Zimbabwean refugee living in South Africa and founder of the Zimbabwe Diaspora Development Chamber, is working with Peace Writer **Sofia Javed**, editor and production manager for the U.S. Department of State's annual Trafficking in Persons Report.

PEACEMAKER STORIES SHARED IN AUSTRALIA

With the support of an International Opportunity Grant from USD, IPJ Editor Emiko Noma presented a paper at the bi-annual conference of the International Peace Research Association, the oldest such association in the field of peace studies. The conference was held at the Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies at the University of Sydney in Australia in July.

The paper, co-authored with former IPJ Peace Writer Alicia Simoni, used a narrative from the Women PeaceMakers Program to demonstrate how weaving historical, political and cultural contexts together with women's perspectives produces a holistic depiction of peacebuilding. The case study of Zandile Nhlengetwa of South Africa offered insight into the lessons women are learning – through both success and failure – and provided points of departure for future peacebuilding.

To read Noma's blog entry about her experiences at the conference, go to www.peacexpeace.org/2010/07/for-those-who-came-before-us

WOMEN PEACEMAKERS UPDATES



Bhatti receives her award from Steffen Horstmeier, national director of World Vision Pakistan, at a ceremony in Islamabad (photo courtesy of World Vision Peacebuilding)

On this year's International Day of Peace, **Rubina Feroze Bhatti** of Pakistan received World Vision International's 2010 Peacemaking Award for her defense of women's and minority rights and promotion of peaceful coexistence. In the aftermath of the summer's flooding crisis, Bhatti's organization, Taangh Wasaib, is continuing to provide humanitarian assistance to flood-affected Pakistanis.

Sister Pauline Acao of Uganda was one of two winners of this year's Outstanding Leadership Award from the Association for Conflict Resolution's (ACR) International Development Committee – recognizing her contribution to "promoting conflict resolution in international development projects."

In early October, **Mary Ann Arnado** and **Bae Liza Llesis Saway** of the Philippines took their oath of service to the All-Women Corps in the Civilian Protection Component of the official International Monitoring Team (IMT), which monitors the cease-fire in Mindanao. Arnado and Saway are both affiliated with the Mindanao Peoples Caucus, a member of the IMT.



Méndez (right) responding to McWilliams' lecture

In September, **Luz Méndez** of Guatemala – one of two women signatories to Guatemala's peace accords – joined the Precarious Progress conference keynote speaker **Monica McWilliams** in a post-lecture discussion of women's participation in peace agreements.

Marta Benavides of El Salvador was named one of three co-chairs of the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP).

Q&A WITH MARY ANN ARNADO OF THE PHILIPPINES



Noma (left) and Deputy Director Dee Aker listening as Arnado answers interview questions

The following is an excerpt of an interview with 2005 Woman PeaceMaker **Mary Ann Arnado**, conducted by Editor **Emiko Noma** while in the Philippines with the IPJ in April 2010. Arnado is the secretary-general of the Mindanao Peoples Caucus (MPC), whose program *Bantay Ceasefire* is now part of the official cease-fire monitoring mechanism known as the International Monitoring Team (IMT).

Q: Do you see the involvement of Bantay Ceasefire in the IMT as a success for civil society?

A: In terms of engagement, participation, recognition of our efforts and the opportunity to be able to directly engage those who are having the control over combatants, the ones inflicting the violence against civilians – if you look at it that way, that's a very big victory, especially for MPC who is really grassroots. It elevated our status. But there are many concerns and questions that we need to address about the implication of this particular decision, organizationally. Is it really MPC who will be there? What if this particular mechanism does not work? Will it affect our credibility at the ground level?

Q: Do you think Bantay Ceasefire can be a model for other conflict situations?

A: It's something that other communities can look into, study the experience, and then from there develop something which will be more appropriate to their context. Bantay Ceasefire represents a lot of experience, a lot of stories, so many lessons – and so it's something that can be an area of study for other peacebuilding efforts outside. But definitely each community has its own context, its own dynamics, and so it should develop its own mechanism that will be more appropriate.

Q: I read an article which said Mindanaoans need justice first and peace later. You work on many levels for peace and justice; what is your take on that comment?

A: I don't think that one should come first before the other. They can go together. In the case here in Mindanao, that is exactly what we are doing. There are justice issues that we can address within the current system, which we are already doing: filing cases for the IDPs, running after those who are encroaching on the ancestral domain of the indigenous peoples. But there are bigger issues also that can be addressed if you actually resolve the armed conflict.

Q: Are you going to be able to attend the 10-year anniversary summit of the Women PeaceMakers Program in 2012?

A: Of course. The Women PeaceMakers have become like a home for me. It's a family. It's a venue where you know you are with people who are also doing similar things that you do. So I get a lot of energy being in that particular community, among peacemakers, even if we are not really physically connected but we know the kind of work each is doing in her place. I resonate with that, so I really feel the bond of sisterhood.

Read the full interview at www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/documents/ipj/Interview-Mary-Ann-Arnado-April2010.pdf

LATEST NARRATIVES PUBLISHED

"Being Peace: The Life and Work of **Marta Benavides of El Salvador**," by Leigh Fenly. <http://catcher.sandiego.edu/items/peacestudies/Marta-Benavides-El-Salvador.pdf>

"Keeper of the Soul of the People: The Life and Work of **Bae Liza Llesis Saway of the Philippines**," by Alicia Simoni. www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/documents/ipj/Liza-Llesis-Saway-Philippines.pdf



NEW VIDEO SHORTS ONLINE

Video interviews with the 2006 Women PeaceMakers – **Shukrije Gashi** of Kosovo, **Palwasha Kakar** of Afghanistan, **Svetlana Kijevčanin** of Serbia and **Rebecca Okwaci** of Sudan – are now available to view online. The documentary shorts were filmed by Sun & Moon Vision Productions, the IPJ's film partner for the Women PeaceMakers Documentary Series, who won a 2010 Telly Award for outstanding and creative excellence in social issues for the film "Rhythms to Peace," which chronicles the work of Cameroonian PeaceMaker **Susan Tenjoh-Okwen**.



2006 Women PeaceMakers (clockwise from top left) Kijevčanin, Gashi, Kakar and Okwaci (photo courtesy of Sun & Moon Vision Productions)

PHOTO EXHIBIT STIRS FIRE OF AWARENESS

From August to December, an exhibit in the IPJ Fine Arts Galleries by award-winning photographer Phil Borges, titled “Stirring the Fire: A Global Movement to Empower Women and Girls,” served as a call to action and celebration of the women and girls who have broken through barriers of tradition and oppression to become catalysts for change in their communities.



Abay, 28 years old, Awash Fontale, Ethiopia (photo © Phil Borges)

“This year’s USD Social Issues Conference focused on artists igniting social change, and there is no better example than Phil Borges,” says IPJ Senior Program Officer Diana Kutlow. “His photography brings us closer to individuals whose lives seem very far away, and the accompanying website, www.stirringthefire.org, shows us how we can support them.”

Empowering women has been found to be an effective strategy for addressing poverty and building stability in the developing world. In July 2010, the United Nations showed its support by creating the first U.N. entity dedicated exclusively to gender equality and women’s empowerment, known as UN Women.



A gallery visitor reads the stories behind Borges’ photographs

Borges gave a talk during the Social Issues Conference in October, where he announced the “Stirring the Fire Fellowship,” a \$3,000 grant made by Borges to USD to help support an undergraduate or graduate student in an international study, volunteer, internship or service-learning project focused on an issue of gender and social justice.

While at the IPJ, Borges met with young refugees from Burma, Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia who take part in the AjA Project, which utilizes photography-based education to transform the lives of displaced youth. He also spoke with high school students from Outside the Lens, a San Diego-based youth media literacy program; ARTS (A Reason to Survive), a non-profit offering art programs for young people facing life challenges; and the IPJ’s WorldLink Program.

The exhibit was supported by the Foundation for Women, Dr. Gloria Garrett and Glorious Journey Photography, Kevin F. Hughes, CFP®, Mary Woods Scherr, Richard Barton and Elaine Feuer-Barton, with community partner the Museum of Photographic Arts and additional contributions from the Jewish Women’s Foundation of San Diego, Women Give San Diego and UBS Financial Services Inc.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES IN WOMEN, RELIGION AND PEACE SYMPOSIUM

Dee Aker, IPJ deputy director, was one of 32 delegates to a symposium organized by the World Faiths Development Dialogue, the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University and the U.S. Institute of Peace. Aker reported from the gathering in Georgetown in July that the failure to recognize or support women’s critical roles in fostering greater social cohesion is largely due to men’s domination in the formal leadership of many religious traditions. Some women, she added, experience a double marginalization in their religious and secular peacebuilding efforts.

During the symposium, scholars, religious leaders and lay activists from different faith traditions discussed how stereotypes and patriarchal taboos can be devastating factors in the success or failure of peacebuilding. In conservative or fundamentalist areas where the backlash against women is often extremely dangerous, symposium participants raised questions about the benefits of highlighting the important work of women. “Trauma and stress experienced by women abused for their religion-based approaches to peace and community recovery need to be addressed,” Aker emphasized.

The symposium was part of an ongoing dialogue on the subject. Interviews with delegates, including Aker, can be found at <http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/projects/women-religion-and-peace-experience-perspectives-and-policy-implications>

PEACEBUILDING TOOLS FOR RECONCILIATION IN EAST ASIA



Line makes the case for using peacebuilding tools to resolve grievances in East Asia

of Social Sciences in Beijing. The relationship between China and Japan continues to be overshadowed by the atrocities committed by the Imperial Armies in East Asia during the Second World War.

Truth-telling commissions, prosecutions, engagement, people-to-people initiatives and developing the institutions that manage conflict within society and between countries are critical for China and Japan to move forward constructively. Line emphasized the experience of Bosnia and Herzegovina as an example of the perils of unresolved injustices and the potential for violence resulting from the revival of historical grievances.

A Mandarin Chinese translation of Line’s paper is being prepared, and an English version can be found at www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/documents/ipj/CASS-Conference-Milburn-Line-Sept2010.pdf

REMEMBERING THE IPJ’S FOUNDING DONOR

by Dee Aker



Joan Kroc came smiling into the Casa de la Paz to greet the IPJ’s second Distinguished Lecturer, Helen Caldicott, in the late spring of 2003. Not knowing this would be the last DLS event she would attend at her beloved IPJ, Joan simply let us know she was pleased with our beginnings. She told us she had seen a television interview on WorldLink filmed in the theatre and felt proud that this would be a place for young people to work across borders on issues of peace and justice. She asked Joyce Neu, the IPJ’s first executive director, if the peace and justice master’s students were doing well. And then, as always, she asked if we were going to solve this or that conflict situation.

She was excited not just with the exquisite building devoted to peacebuilding here at USD, but also with the steps being taken by the staff to work internationally for her intention that we should not only be talking about, but also making peace. From those of us present when Joan turned the first shovel of dirt on the old track grounds at USD, to those who arrived in the following months to shape the early IPJ, we all knew that she watched intently from a nearby parking lot as the building went up.

Never demanding, always nudging discreetly, Joan quietly imbued her spirit to keep us working for peace with justice. The great philanthropist – dear to many people caught in devastation by nature or man, within the United States and beyond – left a promise and footprint here that we are proud to honor. Only

five years passed between the time she gave USD the funds for her Gandhian dream of an Institute for Peace & Justice and the time she left us. Her passionate commitment and belief in the institute was manifest once more in a final bequest to the IPJ endowment and an additional endowment for a School of Peace Studies. We celebrate these truly living legacies in our 10th year. Thank you, Joan.

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As the student population continues to grow, so does the need for additional faculty members. This fall, the school welcomed two full-time faculty members and a visiting scholar.

Dustin Sharp, J.D., teaches courses on transitional justice and human rights law and advocacy, and directs the program’s specialization in human rights. A scholar-practitioner building the bridge between theory and practice, Sharp also leads the West African Human Rights Training Initiative through the IPJ, a capacity-building program focusing on local human rights organizations in Côte d’Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone (see page 4).

Necla Tschirgi, Ph.D., joined the faculty as a professor of practice in human security and peacebuilding. Her extensive international career has spanned research, policy analysis, teaching, research management and grant making. Over the last 15 years, she has increasingly specialized in conflict prevention and peacebuilding – focusing on the nexus between security and development.

The school is delighted to host **Paul Arthur, D.Litt.**, as the school’s 2010 visiting peace scholar. One of the facilitators involved in bringing about the peace treaty in Northern Ireland, Arthur is an authority on resolving Anglo-Irish political disputes and is frequently consulted by policymakers as they consider new policy reforms. He has been involved in a series of problem-solving workshops in Colombia, Guatemala, Sri Lanka, Palestine and Macedonia.

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