



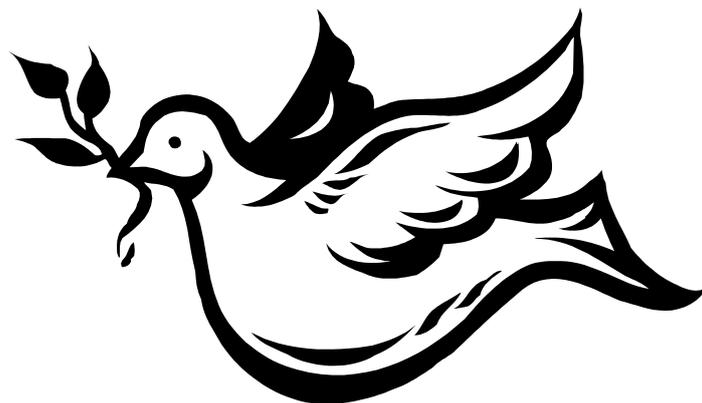
THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND'S
ROTARY CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN
PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

PAUL HARRIS SEMINAR

ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND:
PROJECTS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION.

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WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to The University of Queensland's third annual Paul Harris Seminar. We are delighted that you are able to join us on this important occasion where the third intake of Rotary World Peace Fellows presents their research to a broad audience of Rotarians, academics and the general public. Our fourth intake of World Peace Fellows is also with us today and will be acting in various capacities to facilitate today's proceedings

The Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution at The University of Queensland was established in 1999, after an extensive world-wide search by Rotary International. Rotary wished to initiate a new program that would make a practical contribution to the search for a more peaceful world. Each year sixty World Peace Fellows attend one of six Rotary Centres to undertake a Masters Degree in peace and conflict resolution.

Here at The University of Queensland, our first and second intakes of peace fellows have completed their studies and are applying what they learned throughout the world. The third class who will be presenting today have been steadily engaged in their studies and are due to complete their degrees in a few weeks' time.

One important component of their degree program is the Paul Harris Seminar. This seminar was designed as a way to link UQ more closely with Rotarians and as an opportunity for Rotarians to hear first-hand about the special work that the peace scholars have been conducting. It is also the University's way of thanking Rotary for its funding of the program and indeed for its enlightened decision to work towards world peace, justice and understanding, values shared by the University and which are reflected in its excellent teaching and research programs in peace and international relations.

As Director of the Centre here, I can say that not only is this a worthy project, but it is one that has enabled us all to benefit from the presence of these wonderful and very able fellows. I am sure you will enjoy the presentations made by our fellows today and that you will join me in wishing them well as they approach the completion of their studies in Queensland and head out to take their place in building a more peaceful and just world.



Dr. Richard Devetak
Director

Special Thanks to

Jude Ewing

For the music

Karla Castellanos

Larissa Bruun

Arik Gutler-Ofir

Godfrey Mukalzi

Leah Klass

Caitlin Fitzpatrick

Jude Ewing

For the photo display

Program

8.30 – 9.00am	Registration
9.00 - 9.10am	Welcome – Dr Richard Devetak –Director
9.10 – 9.20am	Welcome – A/Prof Stephen Bell – Head of the School of Political Science and International Studies University of Queensland
9.20 – 9.30am	Video Presentation
9.30 – 9.45am	Cr Judy Magub – Host Area Coordinator
9.45 – 10.15am	Welcome from Class III
10.15 – 10.40am	Catered Morning tea
10.40 - 12.30pm	Workshops (<i>morning session</i>) Workshop A - Larissa Bruun & Santosh Mehra (32 – 215) Workshop B - Arik Gutler Ofir & Godfrey Mukalzi (32 - 211) Workshop C - Karla Castellanos (<i>UQ Centre – Lecture Theatre</i>)
12.30 - 1.20pm	Catered Lunch
1.20 - 3.10pm	Workshops (<i>afternoon session</i>) <i>Workshop D</i> - Maiko Shimzu & M. Fernanda Salina (32 – 207) <i>Workshop E</i> - Jude Ewing (32-215) <i>Workshop F</i> - Pedro Delgado, Caitlin Fitzpatrick & Leah Klass (32 – 211)
3.10 - 3.30pm	Catered Afternoon tea
3.30 - 4.15pm	Dramatic Reflection – Organised by Arik Gutler-Ofir
4.15 - 4.30pm	Alumni Update – Mariano Griva
4.30 - 4.50pm	Questions
4.50 – 5.00pm	Vote of Thanks
5.15 - 5.30pm	Farewell
5.30 - 7.30pm	Barbeque Dinner (<i>\$20 per person</i>) Rotary Peace Park, Keith St, St Lucia

Workshop A

Impoverishment rather than poverty – reflections from Central American Nicaragua

Presented by Larissa Brunn

Room: 32- 215 (morning session)

Why should we talk about impoverishment rather than poverty?

Impoverishment challenges us to draw attention to institutions and processes that actively create and maintain poverty, rather than to the idea of being poor or not.

This workshop looks at why people in the autonomous coastal region of Central American Nicaragua insist that they are impoverished, rather than poor. Furthermore the workshop explores how this could be reflected in global peace building activities, as examples the different aid and development cooperation schemes that are channelled to benefit people like them. The workshop wants to reflect the ideas and views of the people we usually bunch as "poor".

The workshop wants to question how we talk about and understand poverty, drawing, among other, from the experience of working with local communities in the autonomous Atlantic coastal areas of Central American Nicaragua.



Workshop A

Building Bridges -From Bombs and Bullets to Bread and Butter

A Peace Fellow's Experience in Handling Terrorism

Santosh Mehra (India)

Room: 32- 215 (morning session)

JOIN THE WAR

It is mostly about Struggle, occasionally about achievements.

It is mostly about dilemmas, occasionally about discernment

It is mostly about conflicts, occasionally about resolution.

It is mostly about violence, occasionally about peace

It is always about life, about love and about understanding

Grounded in the personal reflections of a Commissioned police officer, who has more than seven years of 'eyeball to eyeball' experience in combating terrorism, this Workshop gives you rare insights into the dangerous, dark and murky 'World of Terrorism'.

The Workshop initially looks at how and why 'one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter'. It then transports you to the treacherous and deep forests of the South Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, home to one of the deadliest terrorist organizations in the World. It then engages you into the trials and tribulations of a young police officer, torn between the compulsions and demands of his job and the voice of his conscience. It finally provides you with new perspectives and fresh ways of looking at and handling terrorism.

Not for the weak hearted, this participative and interactive workshop promises to leave you chewing your nails, racking your brains and questioning your beliefs.

AGAINST TERRORISM

Workshop B

**Let's play peace,
can art break the cycle of violence?**

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**Northern Uganda: The Dilemma Towards a
Comprehensive Settlement of the Conflict**

Presented by: Arik Gultler Ofir (Israel)

&

Godfrey Mulkai (Uganda)

Room: Lecture Theatre – 32-211 (*morning session*)

Let's play peace, can art break the cycle of violence ?

Arik Gutler Ofir used to work as a theatre practitioner in Israel, engaging with Arab and Jewish youth. Four semesters in UQ changed his perspective and his approach to the use of art in a conflict environment. Arik will reflect on the long academic and emotional journey he travelled from Israel to UQ and back home, and will present his new plans for the near future in Israel, based on his studies some of the ideas will be practiced with the workshop's participants.

Northern Uganda: The dilemma towards a comprehensive settlement of the conflict.

Issues of discussion

1. Peace and Justice. what comes first?
2. Identity/Sectarianism as root cause of conflict.
3. International Criminal Court (ICC) indictment on rebel leaders.
4. Mato Oput: The Acholic traditional conflict resolution process.

Workshop C

Regenerating Communities

Presented by Karla Castellanos (USA)

Room: UQ Centre – Lecture Theatre (morning session)

Many cities in developing countries are plagued by the effects of environmental degradation, pollution, and poor infrastructure. These already difficult circumstances are sometimes exacerbated by the occurrence of change generators such as disasters or armed conflict. After such events, most communities work together to restore the quality of life to their neighbourhoods by overcoming the lack of resources, implementing disaster mitigation measures, and relying on grassroots organizations. This interactive workshop will illustrate some of the challenges of participatory design in the process of regenerating communities in developing countries.



Santana Hill in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Before and after pictures of a process of urban regeneration

Workshop D

Local ownership in International Administration **&** **Resource Scarcity: Does it drive conflict or cooperation?**

Presented by: Maiko Shimzu (Japan)

&

M. Fernanda Salina (Argentina)

Room: 32-207 (afternoon session)

'Local ownership' in International Transitional Administration

This research aims at unravelling the relations between international and local actors in international transitional administration. There has been an academic debate on whether or not peacebuilding strategy should take a neo-colonialist approach. In the meanwhile, practitioners in international agencies have been increasingly stressing on the importance of ensuring 'local ownership' in the peacebuilding process, although its definition remains unclear. Against this background, this research first provides historical analysis on how the relations between external and internal actors have been transformed since the Mandates System of the League of Nations. Especially, through discourse analysis, it tries to explain how the policies of international agencies nowadays define such relations. Second, drawing upon the case study of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) from 1999 to 2002, it explains a gap between policy and practice, and analyses why there was such a gap. This research concludes that although recent international administration does have some similarities with the past trusteeship, there are some important conceptual and strategic evolutions in international transitional administration. And the conception of 'local ownership' is one key to measure such difference.

Resource Scarcity: Does it drive conflict or cooperation?

That the next wars will be over water, I do not think so! In this workshop I will present some of the findings of the latest paper I wrote. I will examine the problem of resource scarcity and I will argue that instead of driving nations to war it will bring nations together through a cooperative and collaborative behaviours. To this end I will look into the case of water scarcity and the manner it has been resolved through history. The overwhelming evidence on the peaceful resolution of water disputes leads to the following question: what has made those cases so successful? To know the answer you will have to come to the workshop.

Workshop E

Disaster Management - 'Pakistan Earthquake'

Presented by: Jude Ewing (UK)

Room: 32-215 (afternoon session)

This workshop is intended to give participants the chance to explore the many issues and complexities of an international disaster relief mission, in this case the 2005 earthquake in Northern Pakistan. After an initial briefing participants will roll play some of the different actors involved in the earthquake relief, for example the UN, Pakistani Authorities, Donors and the local was well as international NGOs. The goal is to give participants the opportunity to increase their understanding and insight of the many issues they would confront in their respective rolls while trying to achieve various objectives, for example the delivery of Rotary Shelter Boxes to a relief camp and an isolated village. Peace Fellow Jude Ewing, who has first hand experience of the UN relief mission in Pakistan, will be on hand to guide the experience. The workshop will then conclude with a group discussion, where the participants can share their experiences and any lessons learned, as well as ask questions about the Peace Fellow's own experiences with the real relief mission. There will be plenty of scope for participants to explore key organisational and conflict management skills in what will be a rewarding, enlightening but also hands-on experience!



Workshop F

Poverty and Peace

Presented by Pedro Delgado (Peru),
Caitlin Fitzpatrick (USA) &
Leah Klass (USA)

Room: 32 - 211 (afternoon session)

Poverty is often the result of a lack of human and labour rights, access to education and services and corrupt political processes, all factors which can contribute to the degradation of the human spirit, the sense that one is left out of the formal economy and society, not important in the world.

Peaceful community mobilization is not always the intuitive choice for change for those living without basic resources. This is one of the many challenges we face as future peace builders: helping to build bridges between those with the knowledge and resources to help promote such peaceful change, and those who are in dire need of that change.



Larissa Bruun

Finland, District 1380

After achieving a Master of Social Sciences degree from the University of Tampere in journalism and mass communication & international relations, Larissa has held positions as a journalist, worked with the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and volunteered with street children in Latin America. Before coming to UQ Larissa worked with Ramboll Finnconsult in Finland as a junior consultant specialising in development cooperation (gender, human rights, rural development).

Larissa has written her thesis for the UQ from Nicaragua, where she in August started as a program officer (policy work and information) with a non governmental organisation that among other works with the ethnic and indigenous minorities in the autonomous areas of the Nicaraguan Atlantic coast. In her new position Larissa hopes to promote global social justice through advocacy work and awareness rising. Larissa is proficient in Finnish, Swedish, Spanish, and English and speaks a bit if French and German too, she also added some basic vocabulary of Urdu into her range of languages while doing her Applied Field Experience – part of the studies at the UQ – in the earthquake hit areas of Pakistan November 2005-January 2006.



Larissa at a Pakistan Refugee Camp after the Earthquake, Larissa was working with UNHCR, the united Nations Refugee organisation (January 2006)

Karla Castellanos

USA, District 6990

After studying urban design at the master's level at the Joint Centre of Urban Design at Oxford Brookes University in the United Kingdom following a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the University of Miami in the USA. Karla brings practical knowledge to her job as a project architect in design development of medium to high density urban residential projects in the South Florida. Karla plans to put her design skills into action after the completion of her master's degree at UQ by working with international humanitarian agencies in a role that implements community development or urban regeneration for survivor communities of armed conflict or natural disaster.



Karla in India September 2006

Pedro Pablo Delgado Hinostroza

Peru, District 4450

Pedro was born stateless until the Peruvian Government granted him nationality on his first birthday. After getting his Bachelor's degree in Law and Political Science from the University of Lima, he took a three and a half years break to travel the world and the seven seas. After being exhausted from flying as a Flight Attendant he decided to go back to politics and studied in the Diplomatic Academy of Peru for two years. After that he joined the Peruvian Diplomatic Service. He has worked twice in the Cabinet of the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, and he has represented his country as a diplomat in the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary. After completing his studies at UQ, he plans to change Statecraft's philosophy, by expanding the concept of Foreign Policy, where it won't be any more understood as the defense of the national interest but as the defense of the world's interest. Pedro speaks English, Czech, French and Spanish, and soon will start learning Klingon.



Eyes of the universe (NASA)

Jude Ewing

UK, District 1180

With a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Organizational Management from the University of Lancaster, and language proficiencies including Swedish, Jude has found that his studies and work experience have helped him to become a successful mediator and special branch advisor to a United Nations Association. He has been the Neutral Chair / Mediator of a Muslim-Jewish Dialogue for 2 years, an international project manager and founded and ran one the largest and most successful United Nations Association Student and Youth branches in the UK. Jude intends to use his skills in mediation, organizational management and his education in the Masters degree at UQ to move into working for the UN or another humanitarian agency in disaster management and conflict transformation.



Jude administering a Polio vaccine supplied by Rotary International/UNICEF. Jude undertook his Applied Field experience in Pakistan with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and worked with the management and facilitation of the relief operation of the recent earthquake.

Caitlin Fitzpatrick **USA, District 5450**

Caitlin believes that building bridges amongst diverse communities is a vital step in promoting peace; an endeavour that she began through her work as an educator in Colorado in bilingual special education classrooms. A love for Latin America has guided her in her academic and professional pursuits. Caitlin attained her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Latin American Studies with a minor in Political Science from the University of Colorado. After working with children and teens from socio-economically disadvantaged communities for several years, Caitlin felt inspired to add to her experience and enhance her potential to act as an agent for social justice in her community. During her time as a World Peace Fellow, Caitlin has been trained in mediation techniques and completed her Applied Field Experience with the U.S. State Department as a policy analyst at the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. Caitlin hopes to build a more peaceful global climate by working not only on policy issues, but also within the local community to promote cultural understanding and fundamental human rights through education.



Caitlin working hard with Habitat for Humanity in Argentina 2005

Arik Gutler Ofir

Israel, District 2490

As a citizen of Israel, Arik has been heavily involved in establishing and producing multi-cultural activities for Arabs and Jewish students. With a bachelors degree with major in history and general studies from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, he has used his knowledge of theatre to create peace by involving people in theatre workshops. He hopes that his experiences and education at UQ will enable him to establish a multi-cultural art centres in the north of Israel and promote peace in this historically troubled area.



Arik speaking at an anti-war rally, during the war in Lebanon 2006, Vancouver Canada.

Leah Klass

USA, District 7610

Leah Klass graduated from the University of Virginia with Bachelors of Arts in Anthropology and Latin American Studies. She is fluent in English, Portuguese and Spanish and has lived and worked in the Americas. Her professional experience has been focused on public relations and international marketing within both local government and the private sector settings. She has volunteered with Partners of the Americas, the Red Cross and a bilingual conflict mediation group and has experience working with international youth leadership programs. She completed her internship in Fortaleza, Brazil where she worked on micro credit programs for women and youth. She looks forward to a future career which will allow her to work helping others to access resources and gain the skills necessary to further their own education and take their futures into their own hands.



Leah at the Ceara State Forum for Collectors of Recyclable Material in Fortaleza, Brazil,
February 2006

Santosh Mehra

India, District 3150

Santosh Mehra is a serving Indian Police Officer, presently on Study Leave from the Government of India. He has handled a wide gamut of assignments in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India which include handling terrorism, investigating economic offences, and tracking down hard –core criminals and managing traffic. He also has worked with United Nations as a Peacekeeper in Angola. Proficient in English, Hindi and Telugu, Santosh has earned a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of Business Administration from Lucknow University in India, and a Master in Public Service and Administration from Texas A&M University in the USA. Santosh aims to integrate his work experience and freshly acquired knowledge at UQ to formulate and implement policies and strategies that help resolve conflicts in some of the world's most troubled regions.

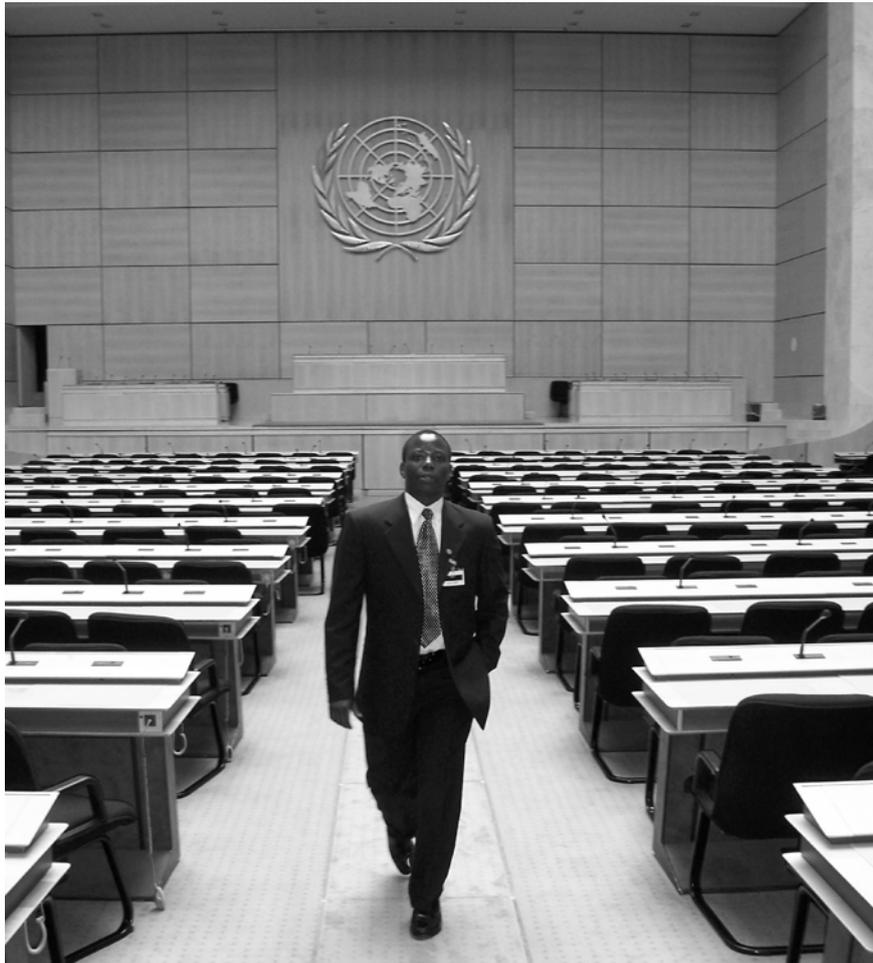


Santosh receiving his MPSA from 41st President Mr George Bush (December 2004)

Godfrey Mukalzi

Uganda, District 9200

After completing a Bachelor of Arts in social science from Makerere University in Uganda, Godfrey became a trainer in Peace Building with Borrow a youth friends of young people program in Kampala, Uganda. In this program Godfrey has facilitated workshops for young people in order to promote peace in the North Eastern part of Uganda. Speaking Kiswahili and Luganda as well as English has helped him developed his expertise in the areas of peace and conflict management. He hopes to work as a diplomat, advocating for peace through preventive diplomacy in the Great Lakes region of Africa. Gofrey has just returned from his internship in Durban – South Africa where he has been for the last three months. He was working with the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Conflicts (ACCORD) as a research assistance tracking and reporting on conflict situations in East and Central Africa.



Godfrey confidently striding through the UN's general assembly room (December 2005)

Maria Fernanda Salina

Argentina, District 4880

As a law graduate from the Universidad Católica Argentina, Fernanda worked for four years as an in-house lawyer coordinating the recovery of the borrowing portfolio of Crédit Agricole Indosuez in Argentina. During that position she had to deal with one of the most significant crises of her country in the latest times: the financial collapse of the Argentinean system in early 2002. After that experience she decided to apply the negotiation and management skills obtained in that position but at the international level. Hence, she moved to the Netherlands to study a Master of Laws in Public International Law at Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam. Prior to commencing her masters with UQ she worked during 2004, as an Assistant Lecturer in Public International Law at the Faculty of Law and Social Science of Rosario in Argentina. Her language proficiency includes English, Spanish, Italian, elementary Dutch and basic French. Soon after this Seminar, Fernanda is moving to Switzerland to continue her studies at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, at the University of Geneva. She will study a Ph. D. in International Relations with specialization in International Law. She hopes to continue her work in the field of International Law, international negotiation and capacity building and in doing so to contribute actively in the development of theories and strategies to solve and prevent international conflicts



Fernanda after completing her applied field experience at the Centre for Applied Studies in International Negotiation (CASIN) in Geneva, Switzerland. (February 2006).

Maiko Shimizu **Japan, District 2590**

Since Maiko saw the United Nations Volunteers working as Election Officers in the first democratic election in Cambodia in 1993 on TV, she has been hoping to work in similar capacity. After completing a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the International Christian University in Japan, and after working in Business Management Department of a software company for three years, she joined InterBand, a Japanese NGO. While at InterBand, Maiko worked as a researcher and a programme coordinator with her main area of work being in election observation missions (Pakistan, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Taiwan). She also worked with Asian Network For Free Elections (ANFREL), an international network NGO, as an election observer. During her study at UQ, she has been focusing on in what ways internationals can assist creating stable peace in conflict-torn society, and what their role is. She is especially interested in "democratisation" part of peacebuilding process. During her AFE in Stockholm, Sweden, she worked at the Electoral Processes Team of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), which is an inter-governmental organisation promoting democracy and providing electoral assistance around the world. Upon completion of her internship, she entered into a contract with International IDEA and has been working as a consultant for their Electoral Dispute Resolution Project and assisting their Voter Turnout workshops in Japan and Australia.

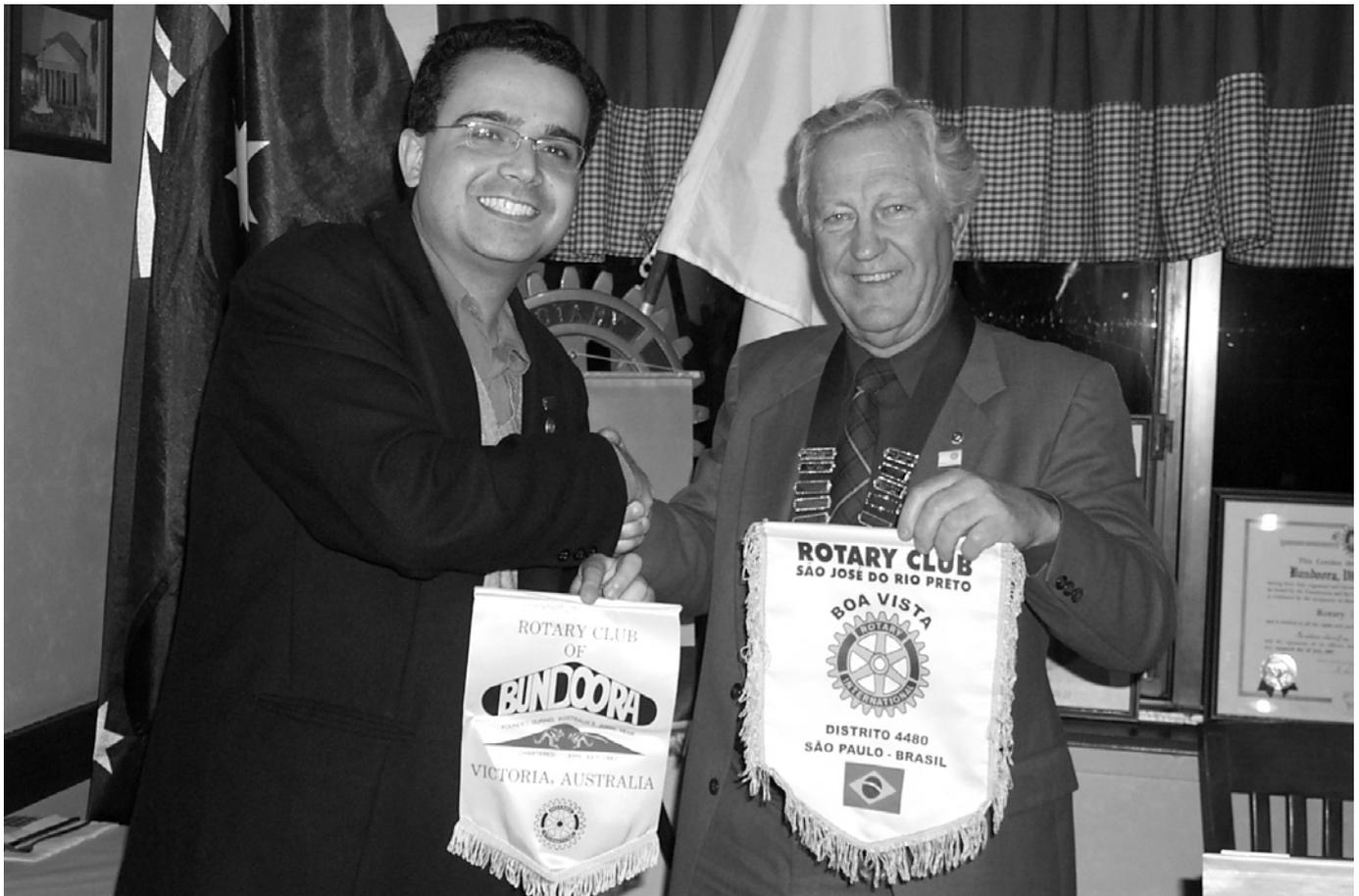


Maiko talking with a villager in Indonesia during an Election Campaign

Alessandro Souza

Brazil, District 4480

With language proficiencies in English, French and Portuguese, Attorney at law Alessandro de Carvalho Souza has worked as a business law consultant in Brazil and practiced pro bono law for non government organizations. Alessandro is involved with volunteer service since he was 16 and during two terms was the President of the Rotaract Club Sao Jose do Rio Preto - Boa Vista, a NGO for youth persons in his city. Alessandro is hoping that once he completes his masters at UQ he will be able to work in the field of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. He hopes to work with international humanitarian agencies such the United Nations or the International Red Cross.



Alessandro during one of his many rotary speaking engagements while in Brisbane 2005

Sukthawee (Dao) Suwannachairop

Thailand, District 3340

Prior to commencing his studies at UQ Dao was a news researcher and correspondent for NHK Bangkok Bureau, Japan Broadcasting Corporation. In his position he was not only required to research news stories he also was an on camera presenter. He has presented and researched in English, Laos and Thai. After finishing his two years with UQ Dao aims to work at the policy making level of sustainable peace construction within the region of Thailand and in other parts of the world where it is needed; my further career goal is to become a university professor, expecting to improve the quality of education for students.



Dao

CLASS II (2004 – 2005)

Brian Adams (USA)

After completing his Rotary Scholarship, Brian received a scholarship from the Australian Government to undertake a PhD at the University of Queensland. He is studying with the School of Political Science and International Studies. He is also working as a Researcher with Griffith University.

Yoshio Chikamatsu (Japan)

Yoshio returned to Japan briefly before heading back to Tanzania, with a Japanese NGO to work on schooling programs.

Noelle DePape (Canada)

Noelle has returned to Canada after working in Hill Country, Sri Lanka with the NGO PALM. She was conducting leadership training with Tamil tea plantation workers and running conflict management training for field workers and senior staff. While she has been in Canada she has been laying the foundation to start a peace camp, where she will work with young people of different ethnic backgrounds aiming to deconstruct prejudice and work toward a more inclusive and peaceful pluralism. She aims with the help of the NGO Institute of Community Peacebuilding to work locally on a number of racial and gang problems.

Mariano Griva (Argentina)

After completing his Rotary Scholarship, Mariano received a scholarship from the Australian Government to undertake a PhD at the University of Queensland. He is studying with the School of Political Science and International Studies

Sanjana Hattawua (Sri Lanka)

Sanjana is currently a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Policy Alternatives in Sri Lanka. He is also the Editor-at-large of the Research Unit and the Head of ICT and Peacbuilding at infoshare.com. Info Share is an Information Communications Technology initiative created to bridge communications between and within actors in the peace processes and

enable greater public participation, accountability and transparency in conflict transformation initiatives. Sanjana is also primarily responsible for the Sri Lanka Peace Library project. He is also on the Editorial Board of the Online Journal of Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Josephine Manuel (Philippines)

Josephine has been out of circulation lately as she has been in some faraway land with the beach in her backyard, not on holidays but doing some real work. Josephine is overseeing rural development projects, in the Philippines, for the senator implemented, Countryside Development Fund. The work takes her to rural areas and lately, to a province where people are involved mainly in fishing. It is a nice environment and the beaches should have compensated for the hard work but it has been raining lately so it has not been particularly fun to be by the beach when the waves are so strong.

Colin Spurway (Scotland)

Colin is currently working as a Specialist in Community Development and Community-Based Conflict Resolution for Mercy Corps, an international relief and development charity. He was at home in Europe for a couple of months after graduation, spending time with his family and a young woman he talked into being his girlfriend whilst at Berkeley. But, for his sins, Mercy Corps posted him to Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan in April where he trained thirty members of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development in community mobilisation processes. The training lasted ten weeks, and since then he has been engaged in producing a trainer's manual and various reports on the same topic. Colin is spending September mostly in the UK trying to find a way to continue this work without losing his girlfriend. He welcomes any bright ideas. And if you have no bright ideas, a wee bit of sympathy wouldn't go amiss. And if you don't go in for sympathy ... single malt would suffice. Glenlivet, please.



(L-R) BRIAN ADAMS, COLIN SPURWAY, YOSHIO CHIKAMATSU, NOELLE DEPAPE, MARIANO GRIVA, JOSEPHINE MANUEL, SANJANA HATTOWA

CLASS I (2003 -2004)

Matthew Bright (USA)

After completing the Rotary Program, Matthew answered the call for volunteers to help out in Tsunami-affected Aceh. Working with Save the Children, he helped with relief operations for close to six months. On returning to UQ, Matthew has embarked on a PhD. Matthew has found that the most rewarding aspect of the Rotary Program was being able to put what he has learned into practice during the disaster relief operations. Matthew's PhD will provide him with an opportunity to more fully investigate the causes of conflicts and to provide possible solutions to them.

Francesca Del Mese (UK)

Francesca is currently working at The Hague, with judges from the International Criminal Tribunal who are currently hearing the trial of the Former Yugoslavia leader. She is working with people from 81 different nations. She is finding both the theoretical and practical sides of her studies at UQ, with the Rotary Program are allowing her to succeed in her current role.

Carolyn Fanelli (USA)

I am still working with Catholic Relief Services in Zimbabwe, but my job is undergoing some changes right now, so it is a bit hard to say what I am doing! Basically my focus is on integrating participatory communications initiatives into our projects, and documenting and sharing the sound practices, lessons learned and success stories that emerge from our programming. A colleague and I just finished drafting a How-to Guide on Child Participation in Education Initiatives, which will be published by CRS, that draws upon the sound practices of our community-based partner organisations. My most exciting news is that I am going to Rome next week to present at the World Congress on Communication for Development. The paper looks at how Zimbabwe is using a child-friendly communications strategy to facilitate child participation in its new National Action Plan for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children.

Other than that, Mark and I are doing just fine! We are enjoying living in Zimbabwe, but miss Brisbane desperately. Visitors welcome anytime, as long as they bring TimTams, Cherry Ripes and a Coopers Pale Ale.

Path Heang (Cambodia)

I am now working with the World Bank, Cambodia Country Office, as Social Development Office in Justice for the Poor Program. Justice for the Poor is part of World Bank's efforts to improve governance and legal and judicial reform in the country. In its initial two years, Justice for the Poor embarks with research studies on disputes and disputes resolution in the most critical issues of land, natural resources management and governance. Disputes in these areas are in exceptional large scale which the Prime Minister warns that they could lead to farmer revolution if management fails. I have involved fully in the researches. Findings from the studies feed into the design of two new projects established as a result of Justice for the Poor. The two projects are: (1) Demand for Good Governance; (2) Empowerment of the Poor in Siem Reap. The projects, which are in the pipeline (under preparation), will have the total budget of \$U35 million or so. I have also been and continue to be part of the two projects identification and preparation.

Ryan Hendy (Canada)

Employer #1: Still with the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC) in Ottawa, Canada. It's a government agency who's mandate is to detect and deter money laundering and terrorist financing by providing law enforcement and intelligence agencies with financial intelligence. I'm currently a Senior Analyst in the Operations Sector. I continue to apply and develop much of the material that I absorbed at UQ and continue to apply it to my agency's anti-terrorism mandate.

- Employer #2: Continue part-employment with the Canadian Forces Army Reserves as an Infantry Section Commander in Ottawa. I'm currently leading a section of soldiers in all aspects of military training. Also assisting Regimental training in stability operations for current overseas deployments of Canadian soldiers. Although Afghanistan is the

military's priority at the moment, I am also assisting with deployments and tactical requirements for Canada's current commitment to the UN mission in Sudan.

- Of course, I remain in touch with Rotary since my return to express my eternal thanks and to get more involved in Rotary activities generally. In particular, I have made presentations on the World Peace Fellowship to clubs around my district. As I mentioned last year, my sponsor club, Windsor St. Clair Rotary recently made me an 'Honourary Rotarian', which was great honour in itself.

- I noticed I was quoted in a recent Rotary publication as saying: The Rotary Fellowship Program at UQ has been one of the most significant professional and personal adventures in my life. Every day, I make use of the expertise that I developed from the program's rich blend of academic, work and life experience. The program fostered incredible friendships and has strengthened my resolve to pursue peace and conflict resolution as a life-long commitment". Still rings true this year.

Amy Kay (USA)

Amy Kay is currently the Regional HIV/AIDS Programme Officer for the UN Development Programme's HIV/AIDS Regional Programme in the Arab States (HARPAS). The Regional Programme covers 20 countries in the Middle East, North Africa and Horn of Africa. The Arab region has been mired by some of the worst and longest-standing conflicts in the world creating instability, poverty and risk to HIV/AIDS. Most recently the war in Iraq, failed state of Somalia, fragile peace in Sudan after decades of civil war, recent resurgence of conflict in Lebanon and ongoing protracted conflict in Palestine have further destabilized the region and increased HIV risk greatly due to vulnerability factors associated with war, including sexual violence, especially against women and children, forced mobility, community fragmentation, family loss and lack of access to basic services. In the HIV/AIDS context, conflict and AIDS reinforce each other, creating deeper destabilization and overall weakened public structures people depend on to protect and support basic rights^[1]. Amy is working with UNDP via its multi-sectoral approach- responding to AIDS as a governance, human rights, development and

gendered issue. She is currently working with HARPAS team to coordinate the upcoming CHAHAMA conference November 2006 which will welcome over 300 religious leaders in the region- women, men, Christian and Muslim- all working in the AIDS response via this flagship Religious Leaders Initiative in the region. She looks forward to welcoming a fellow RWPF on his AFE where he will work on this initiative as well as the HARPAS Private Sector Initiative, Mr. Vadim Ostrovsky. She has also co-authored a publication with UQ Professor Dr. Roland Bleiker on development communication, photography and AIDS based on her RWPF AFE 2004 in Ethiopia. This will be published in International Studies Quarterly March 2007. Amy lives and works in Cairo, Egypt.

[1] Links with HIV/AIDS and conflict should be deeply recognized, reiterating UN Resolution 1308 stating "the HIV/AIDS pandemic is also exacerbated by conditions of violence and instability, which increase the risk of exposure to the disease through large movements of people, widespread uncertainty over conditions and reduced access to medical care..." (S/RES/1308/2000)

Sofia Knoecghel-Ledberg (Sweden)

Since returning to Sweden, Sofia has been working as the Program coordinator for the Cotemporary Silk Road Studies Program at Uppsala University. As well as a busy family life, with two young boys, Sofia has coordinated and facilitated numerous workshops and projects on peace and conflict management and prevention. The Rotary Program has strengthened her desire to work towards the peaceful resolution of conflicts. The Program also gave Sofia a deeper understanding and knowledge of a range of pressing issues.

Rebecca Milligan (USA)

Working as a researcher for the International Organisation for Migration, Rebecca is finding the training and expertise she gained during the Rotary Program at UQ invaluable. She is currently focused on researching and bringing to the media's attention the trafficking of children from Bangladesh and Pakistan to the United Arab Emirates, where they work as slaves. It is her current aim to bring about an end to this practice.

Christian Oakes (USA)

Chris and Rosemary have completed work on the building they purchased upon returning to the US. Chris is now scanning the adverts and submitting his C.V. for positions in organizations doing international development work. He is also considering the possibility of working in New Orleans to help rebuild there.



Carolyn Fannelli working with children in Harare, 2006

CLASS IV (2006-2007)

Leah Aylward

Rotary Club of Cheyenne, Wyoming, District 5440, USA

Prior to commencing her studies at UQ, Leah worked with the Universidad de Manizales in Colombia as a Fulbright Fellow. Her research focused on Paz y Competitividad, a university program that articulates teaching, research and community work with the goal of forming integral professionals able to address and creatively transform regional rural difficulties. She holds a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Public Policy and certificates in Latin American Studies, International Development, Spanish, and Education from Harvard University. Upon graduation from UQ, she hopes to work in Latin America. Her principal areas of interest include regional conflict resolution, rural and agricultural development, education and poverty reduction.

Mayumi Futamura (Canada)

Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial, District 5360, Canada

Prior to commencing her studies at UQ, Mayumi has worked as a freelance journalist and graphic/Web designer, as well as a researcher for the Centre for Faith and the Media in Calgary, Canada, monitoring day-to-day religion news coverage in the Canadian media. During her two years at UQ, she is going to explore the key factors for successful human empowerment projects in order to develop the concept of peace journalism. As a Rotary World Peace Scholar, Mayumi sees that her work is to facilitate dialogue and foster mutual understandings. Her career goal is to become an educator and to engage in dialogue with future journalists about the potential of a single individual.

John Foster (USA)

Rotary Club of Chattanooga, District 6780, USA

Before arriving at UQ, John Foster worked as an analyst at a business research firm in Washington , DC, and served as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Buenos Aires, Argentina. John aspires to study how justice sector development affects the peacebuilding process in post-conflict countries while at UQ. Upon graduating, John intends on going to law school with the ultimate goal of entering the field of international humanitarian law.

Mneesha Gellman (USA)

Rotary Club of Sunrise Rotary Club of Arcata, California, District 5130, USA

Mneesha graduated from Bard College with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies and Latin American Political Economy in 2003.

Afterwards, she worked as a radio journalist for social change at the Mainstream Media Project in California, where she conducted issue-framing on social and environmental topics. During this time she served on the Board of Directors for Humboldt Domestic Violence Services and chaired the Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone Commission for the city of Arcata. Mneesha spent her first semester as a Rotary Peace Fellow at the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she also interned with the United Nations Development Programme doing conflict analysis of Bolivia. In July 2006, Mneesha served as an elections monitor with the Organization of American States in Bolivia. She is very excited to be interning at the Khmer Institute of Democracy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia this coming summer where she will work on conflict resolution curriculum design.

Mohamad Taib Hampden (Malaysia)

Rotary District 3300, Malaysia

Career plans: To work with organizations that have strong credentials in promoting human-rights based community development

Sallie Lacy (USA)

Rotary Club of Summit, District 7690, U.S.A.

Before arriving to the UQ Peace Center, Sallie was in New York City completing a Masters Degree in Public Administration that focused on Environmental Science and Policy. Prior to that, she worked for three years as a Project Administrator for an agriculture and marketing project in Cochabamba, Bolivia that aimed to help farmers improve their harvests and place their goods in regional and international markets. She also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras for two years, helping rural villages gain access to potable water. She hopes to combine her interests in environmental issues and international development to pursue a career in climate change mitigation and sustainable development.

Ólöf Magnúsdóttir (Iceland)

Rotary Club of Reykjavík-Miðborg, District 1630, Iceland

Lóa worked for the Icelandic National Committee for UNICEF before her studies at the University of Queensland. Lóa was also a group coordinator for Amnesty International and a special advisor for the World Food Program in Iceland.

Lóa has been fortunate to receive two Rotary scholarships in her life, the World Peace scholarship and a scholarship to attend university in Georgia, USA in 1997. Lóa suspects that she might have been a tireless Rotarian in her previous life and is now being rewarded, however, she will not rest on those karmic laurels and will work hard to promote Rotary's ambition for peace in the future.

Akiko Okudaira (Japan)

Rotary Club of Tokyo Koganei, District 2750, Japan

Prior to commencing her studies at the University of Queensland, Akiko worked as a Manager at Japan Association for UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) in Tokyo. She holds a Master's degree in International Communication, and has also worked under the Cabinet Office of Japan as a coordinator for international exchange programmes that bring together youths from South East Asian and East Asian regions. While Akiko was born in Myanmar/Burma, she is a Japanese citizen. Through

her engagement with refugee issues over the past years, Akiko has developed concerns on causes and consequences that create the issues. In the future she wishes to work on projects and policy planning in the area of peace and conflict resolution, making the most of the knowledge and experience gained through Rotary World Peace Fellowship Programme.

Robert Opira (Uganda)

Rotary Club of Gulu, District 9200, Uganda

In 2002 soon after obtaining his Bachelor Degree in Social Work, Robert got a voluntary job with Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD) and worked for seven months before joining World Vision International as a Psychosocial Counsellor with Rehabilitation Centre for Former Child Soldiers in Northern Uganda. Robert worked as a trauma counsellor and later Project Manager till prior to coming to University of Queensland.

Robert got interested in peace studies because of the number of challenges he faced while implementing peace project without any formal training in peace but says he did his work well only as a trained manager. Robert was motivated by these challenges to apply for Rotary World Peace Fellowship and now feels he has benefited a lot from the programme and hope to perform better when he goes back to Uganda. Robert wants to continue working with international humanitarian agencies especially in the fields of peacebuilding, conflict resolutions, and human rights in Africa.

Vadim L. Ostrovsky (Ukraine)

Danville-Riverview Rotary Club, District 7570, USA

Prior to commencing his studies at UQ Vadim was a Global Development Manager for Electronic Development Labs Corporation. In this position he was responsible for bringing new products to overseas markets. His second volunteer position was one of Director for ClickUkraine Program, an initiative that brought technology and computer education to foster children in Ukraine. After finishing his two years at UQ, Vadim aims to get a position that will allow him practical application of knowledge gained during his Masters in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Amanda Rader (USA)

Rotary Club of Lancaster, District 7390, USA

After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Spanish, Amanda spent three years serving with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. She worked extensively with youth peer education in sexual health issues. Initially accepted to the Rotary Center in Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina, after one semester Amanda transferred to the University of Queensland in July 2006. For her Applied Field Experience, she has chosen to partner with the Center for Peace Building International in their project for an International Retreat Center for Youth based in Sri Lanka. After completing her master's degree, Amanda hopes to continue her work with young people, especially focusing on developing forums for the interaction of youth from different cultures, races, and economic backgrounds.

Perth Christina Rosen (USA)

La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary, District 5340, USA

Perth Rosen graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1998. Directly following she spent three years designing and executing community level health projects in Central and South America. She pursued a career in training for the subsequent two years as a Health Project trainer for the United States Peace Corps. Upon return to the USA she worked in a non-profit organization targeting the US/Mexico border population living with HIV/AIDS. She is now happily growing her capacity for future work in social justice. Current research interests include pro-active models for social integration of increasingly multi-cultural populations.

Etsuko Teranishi (Japan)

Rotary Club of Ibaraki-east, District 2660 , Japan

While Etsuko was doing her BA in intercultural studies in Osaka, Japan, she volunteered with orphans in India and Indonesia. Prior to study at UQ, she had worked with NGOs as a program officer in Laos and Cambodia for four years. She had engaged in various projects such as rural development, weapons collection for development, and literacy education. She had learned the local languages (Lao and Khmer) and directly communicated with villagers. After completing the program at UQ, she wants to use the knowledge and skills that gained at UQ and work for peacebuilding in intercultural environment.

Mandi Anne Vuinovich (USA)

Rotary Club of Fremont, Nebraska, District 5650, USA

Prior to commencing her studies at UQ, MJ had worked as a photojournalist, disaster relief assistant, and finance analyst. Her work experience took her to several overseas locations including Costa Rica, Argentina, and the Caribbean. Additionally, MJ had previously studied in Zurich, Switzerland, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Accra, Ghana. For her upcoming Applied Field Experience, MJ plans to work with the International Organization of Migration in Cairo, Egypt. After finishing the program at UQ, MJ aims to either attend law school or continue with a PhD in an effort to become properly accredited for future work in irregular migration or education in international relations and international conflict resolution.

INCOMING ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS
CLASS V (2007-2008)

Peter Hans Emberson

**Rotary Club of Suva North, District 9920, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands,
Fiji**

Country of citizenship : Fiji

Language proficiency: English and Fijian

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Arts, History, Politics and Journalism - University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji

Area of expertise: Journalism and social activism

Most recent job position: Assistant Director, the Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (PCRC).

Career plans: To work in the Pacific at grass-root level in the area of conflict transformation/ resolution; also, to learn and provide sustainable solutions to what could be potential triggers for conflict in the region.

Cassio Furtado

Rotary Club Pelotas Norte, District 4680, Brazil

Country of citizenship: Brazil

Language proficiency: English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and International Studies; Bachelor of Science, Journalism – University of Kansas, Lawrence, USA

Graduate degree: Master of Arts, Social Sciences (Global Studies Programme) - University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany

Area of expertise: International relations, diplomacy, nuclear non-proliferation and journalism

Most recent job position: Reporter, The Tampa Tribune

Career plans: To become a diplomat for Brazil or to work at the United Nations

Margarita Gonzalez

Rotary Club of Dawson County, District 6910, USA

Country of citizenship: USA

Language proficiency: English, Spanish, Arabic, basic French

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies - Mercer University- Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Area of expertise: Intercultural education and diversity training

Most recent job position: Outreach Coordinator, Health Access Initiative; health education and cultural competency training

Career plans: Consulting in conflict prevention and/or resolution

Vikas Gora

Rotary Club of Vijayawada, District 3020, India

Country of citizenship: India

Language proficiency: English, Telugu, and Hindi

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Arts, Economics, Politics and History- Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, India

Area of expertise: Community-based disaster preparedness, human rights, advocacy and networking, tribal and coastal rural artisan development

Most recent job position: Director, Disaster Management Wing of Arthik Samata Mandal, a Gandhian secular nongovernmental organization working in coastal and drought-prone areas of Andhra Pradesh.

Career plans: To be a facilitator in the field of comprehensive development focusing on issues related to disaster management, conflict resolution, youth, child rights, food security and empowerment of women at various levels.

Gail Greenlee

Rotary Club of Greensboro Airport, District 7690, USA

Country of citizenship: USA

Language proficiency: English and French

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Science, Journalism and Mass Communication - University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA

Graduate degree: Master of Arts, Africana Women's Studies - Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, USA

Area of expertise: Multicultural education and language instruction

Most recent job position: Multicultural Services Coordinator, Greensboro Public Library, Greensboro, USA

Career plans: To pursue a career in higher education, combining language instruction with gender and cultural studies

Sheunesu Hove

Rotary Club of Harare West, District 9210, Zimbabwe

Country of citizenship: Zimbabwe

Language proficiency: English, Shona, and Basic Portuguese

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Science, Psychology - Zimbabwe Open University, Harare, Zimbabwe

Areas of expertise: Peace building, conflict transformation, human rights, training and research

Most recent job position: Peace Building and Conflict Transformation (PBCT) Programme Officer, Zimbabwe Council of Churches, Harare, Zimbabwe

Career plans: To work with peace, conflict transformation, and human rights for international organizations such as United Nations, International Crisis Group, Transparency International, Human Rights Watch, or other humanitarian organizations

Christopher Moore

Rotary Club of Carlsbad, District 5340, USA

Country of citizenship: USA

Language Proficiency: English, Spanish, intermediate Mandarin Chinese, basic Japanese, basic Amharic

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs and Spanish - University of Nevada, Reno, USA

Area of expertise: Sustainable development, media production, social justice, indigenous rights, terrorism, and environmental protection

Most recent job position: Media Liaison, Campaign to End the Genocide in Uganda Now (www.cegun.org), San Diego, USA

Career plans: To enhance the stability of our global community through the development of peaceful solutions working as a mediator with NGOs, government institutions, the UN and charities operating in conflict areas and volatile regions of developing countries.

Cecilia Lwiindi Nedziwe

Rotary Club of Pretoria-Silverton, District 9250, South Africa

Country of citizenship: Zambia

Language proficiency: English, Russian, Tonga, Shona and Bemba

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Arts, World Economics - Don-State Technical University, Rostov-On-Don, Russia

Area of expertise: Research on peace related issues, HIV/AIDS, and policy analysis

Most recent job position: Senior Research Officer – Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa, Harare, Zimbabwe

Career plans: Support African peace efforts, and contribute to initiatives that will prevent, manage and resolve conflicts in Zimbabwe and beyond

Ville-Veikko Pitkänen

Rotary Club of Leppävirta, District 1430, Finland

Country of citizenship: Finland

Language proficiency: English, Finnish, Swedish, basic Spanish

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Arts, Social Sciences and Social Policy - University of Kuopio, Kuopio, Finland

Area of expertise: Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC), and social policy issues related to poverty

Most recent job position: Foreman, Oy Danfoss Ab

Career plans: Pursue a career in development cooperation, promote social justice and communal solutions in post-conflict areas

Kristin Post

Rotary Club of Chapel Hill, District 7710, USA

Country of citizenship: USA

Language proficiency: Spanish and English

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Arts, English - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, USA

Area of expertise: Youth education

Career plans: To combine communication skills and the ideals of peace and conflict resolution with the practical endeavor of educating children



"This painting was done by my mother, Betty. This is her manner to express her love to me and her support to World Peace.
M. Fernanda Salina
2004 -2006 RWPF at UQ"