

WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to The University of Queensland's fourth annual Paul Harris Seminar. We are delighted that you are able to join us on this important occasion where the fourth intake of Rotary World Peace Fellows presents their research to a broad audience of Rotarians, academics and the general public. Our fifth 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 quest 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 three intakes of Peace Fellows have completed their studies and are applying what they learned throughout the world. The thirteen class IV Fellows who will be presenting today are due to graduate in a few weeks time. This is the largest class to graduate from any of the six Rotary Peace Centres.

One important component of their degree program is the Paul Harris Seminar. This Rotary Peace seminar was designed as a way to link the Rotary Centre more closely with Rotarians and as an opportunity for Rotarians to hear first-hand about the special work that the Peace Fellows 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 conflict and international relations.

As Director of the Centre, 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.

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Dr. Richard Devetak
Director

Program

Schedule for the Paul Harris Seminar

8.30 – 9.00am	<i>Registration</i>
9.00 - 9.10am	<i>Welcome</i>
9.10 – 9.25am	<i>Indigenous welcome</i>
9.25 – 9.35am	<i>Welcome – Dr Richard Devetak (Rotary Centre Director)</i>
9.35 – 10.15am	<i>Welcome from Class IV</i>
10.15 – 10.40am	<u>Catered Morning tea</u>
10.50 - 12.30pm	<i>Workshops (morning session - guests will attend one nominated workshop)</i> <i>Workshop A – John Foster & Vadim Ostrovsky</i> <i>Workshop B – MJ Vuinovich, Akiko Okudaira & Perth Rosen</i> <i>Workshop C – Sallie Lacy & Leah Aylward</i>
12.30 - 1.20pm	<u>Catered Lunch</u>
1.30 - 3.10pm	<i>Workshops (afternoon session - guest will attend one workshop)</i> <i>Workshop D – Loa Magnúsdóttir & Amanda Rader</i> <i>Workshop E – Mneesha Gellman & Etsuko Teranishi</i> <i>Workshop F – Mayumi Futamura & Robert Opira</i>
3.10 - 3.30pm	<u>Catered Afternoon tea</u>
3.30 - 3.45pm	<i>Salt Lake Convention Video Presentation</i>
3.45 – 4.00pm	<i>Alumni Update</i>
4.00 - 4.20pm	<i>PDG Judy Magub, Host Area Coordinator</i>
4.20 - 4.45pm	<i>General Questions</i>
4.45 – 4.50pm	<i>Photo slideshow of the Peace Fellows & Rotarians.</i>
4.50 - 5.00pm	<i>Farewell and vote of thanks from Peace Fellows.</i>
5.30 - 7.30pm	<u>Barbeque Dinner, Rotary Peace Park, Keith St, St Lucia</u> (RSVP & Payment required)

Workshop A

Peacekeeping Operations and Rule of Law Establishment

Presented by
John Foster & Vadim Ostrovsky

Through exploring the evolution of peacekeeping operations, John's workshop will analyse why rule of law establishment has grown to play an increasingly important role in safeguarding peace in war-ravaged countries. The workshop will probe the rule of law's relationship with the nation-state, human rights and the greater peacekeeping enterprise. Additionally, the workshop will present various concrete measures to nurture the rule of law in post-conflict countries. The workshop will conclude with an assessment of various case studies concerning the successes and failures of peacekeeping operations' attempts at rule of law establishment.

Vadim Ostrovsky's workshop will concentrate on United Nations Civilian Police, a component of the "Rule of Law" system. During the workshop, Vadim will present the reasons for why UNPOL has emerged as an increasingly important institution in establishing security in post-conflict environments. He will also investigate a broad range of issues that take away from UNPOL's ability to operate efficiently. The workshop will conclude with a proposal that aims to strengthen UNPOL as an instrument of post-conflict rebuilding.



Workshop B

An activity towards creating Peace: Refugees and forced migrants

Presented by:
MJ Vuinovich & Akiko Okudaira & Perth Rosen

What is the connection between forced migration, refugees, and conflict? The workshop explores this question through an interactive role-play. Participants will be exposed to international relations theories and concepts relating forced migration generally, and refugees specifically, through a series of short simulations set in a conflict context. Each role-play will conclude with a brief discussion of the events and emotions experienced by the participants and how they directly relate to our work as Rotary World Peace Fellows. Seminar participants are encouraged to enthusiastically take on their roles and enjoy this opportunity to grapple with some of the challenges faced by refugees and other forced migrants.



Workshop C

The journey of 'development': exploring some of the pitfalls of development practice in the climate change and the poverty reduction fields and their potential links to violence and conflict

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“Guatemalan Development Discourse and the 1996 Peace Accords: Shaping Policy, Practice and the Probability of Renewed Violence”.

Presented by:
Sallie Lacy & Leah Aylward

“A look at the UN response to climate change: trying to reconcile economic growth and sustainable development”

Can we stave off the catastrophic effects of climate change by maintaining our current agenda of promoting economic growth both in developed and developing countries? Herman Daly, a renowned ecological economist in the US, argues that we cannot in the long-term prescribe economic growth within a system (Earth) that is finite. In the context of population growth, environmental degradation and growing conflicts over resources, are the efforts of such institutions as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) adequately addressing the problem of climate change?

In this workshop I look at one tool that the UNFCCC is using to mitigate against climate change that also has the stated purpose of promoting sustainable development in developing nations. The tool is called the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and it represents for some an innovative response to a global problem, while for others it represents a misguided effort that will neither achieve greenhouse gas emissions reductions nor promote sustainable development. I will begin the workshop with a short activity to get people thinking about their contributions to global warming and ask for audience opinions about the climate change problem before walking through a discussion of the issues. I will then conclude with some ideas about what is needed to address the enormous problem of climate change.

“Guatemalan Development Discourse and the 1996 Peace Accords: Shaping Policy, Practice and the Probability of Renewed Violence”.

In her presentation, Leah will focus on her current thesis research. After briefly exploring the context and causes of the Guatemalan Civil War that lasted from 1954-1996, she will discuss the formation of the 1996 Peace Accords, with specific regard for the agreement's inclusion of socioeconomic concerns. Next, Leah will analyse the Guatemalan Government's and World Bank's contemporary development strategies and discourse and discuss how these frameworks for development affect inequality and the probability of continued violence in the country.

Workshop D

Youth and Peace-building

Presented by
Loa Magnusdottir & Amanda Rader

This partly interactive workshop will focus on children and youth in the process of peace building. The first half will engage with children as potential builders of peace. The question will be asked how can children's contribution to a peaceful post-conflict society be strengthened, while still keeping them safe from harm. The second half will consider the potential role of peace education for supporting children's growth as globally-oriented citizens. A case study will be used to illuminate the forces that both support and limit the prospects for education to contribute to global transformation towards greater peace and justice.



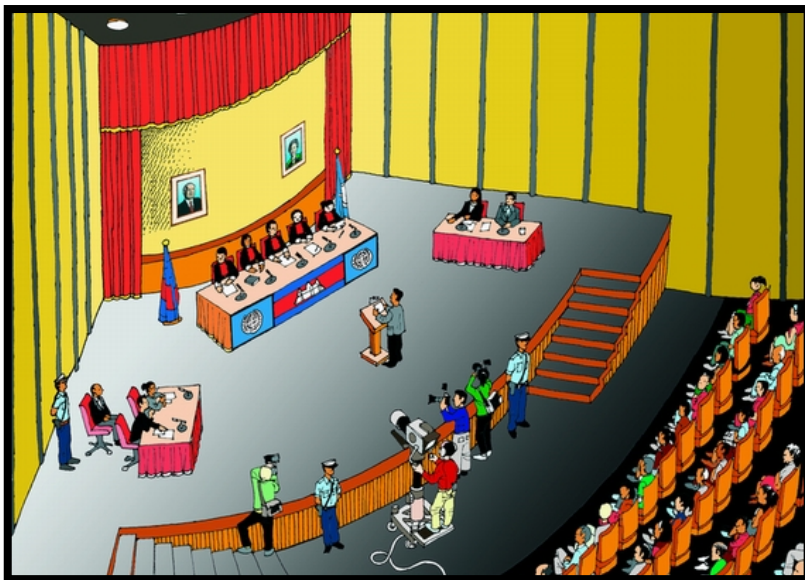
Workshop E

Challenges for Peacebuilding in Post-Conflict Reconstruction

Presented by:
Mneesha Gellman & Etsuko Teranishi

Mneesha Gellman will present one of the challenges to the peacebuilding process in Cambodia; the difficulty in establishing a sense of justice in the post-war period. The current path to justice that the Royal Government of Cambodia is taking, in cooperation with the international community, is by establishing the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. This Tribunal is meant to prosecute people who committed war crimes in Cambodia but have never been held accountable for their actions. However, because of the many years that have passed since those crimes took place, and because there are competing interests in establishing or preventing the Tribunal from occurring, it is a complicated process. This workshop will introduce the basic framework for the Tribunal and discuss the potential for a justice mechanism to facilitate reconciliation.

Etsuko Teranishi will present the challenges to peacebuilding in post-conflict societies - specifically the reintegration of former combatants into the Acehnese society in Indonesia. More than two years after the peace deal was signed on 2005 between the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement (GAM), but Aceh is still struggling to recover from more than three decades of conflict, with high levels of unemployment, high rates of conflict-related trauma and a high percentage of livelihoods, farming lands, and housing destroyed as a result of the conflict. The successes of the peacebuilding process in Aceh is not only a physical task, but also it must be considered as a comprehensive reconstruction framework. One of the critical aspect is the reintegration of former combatants into the community. This workshop will present the general overview of peacebuilding in post-conflict societies, the background of the conflict and the challenges to build a lasting peace in Aceh.



Workshop F

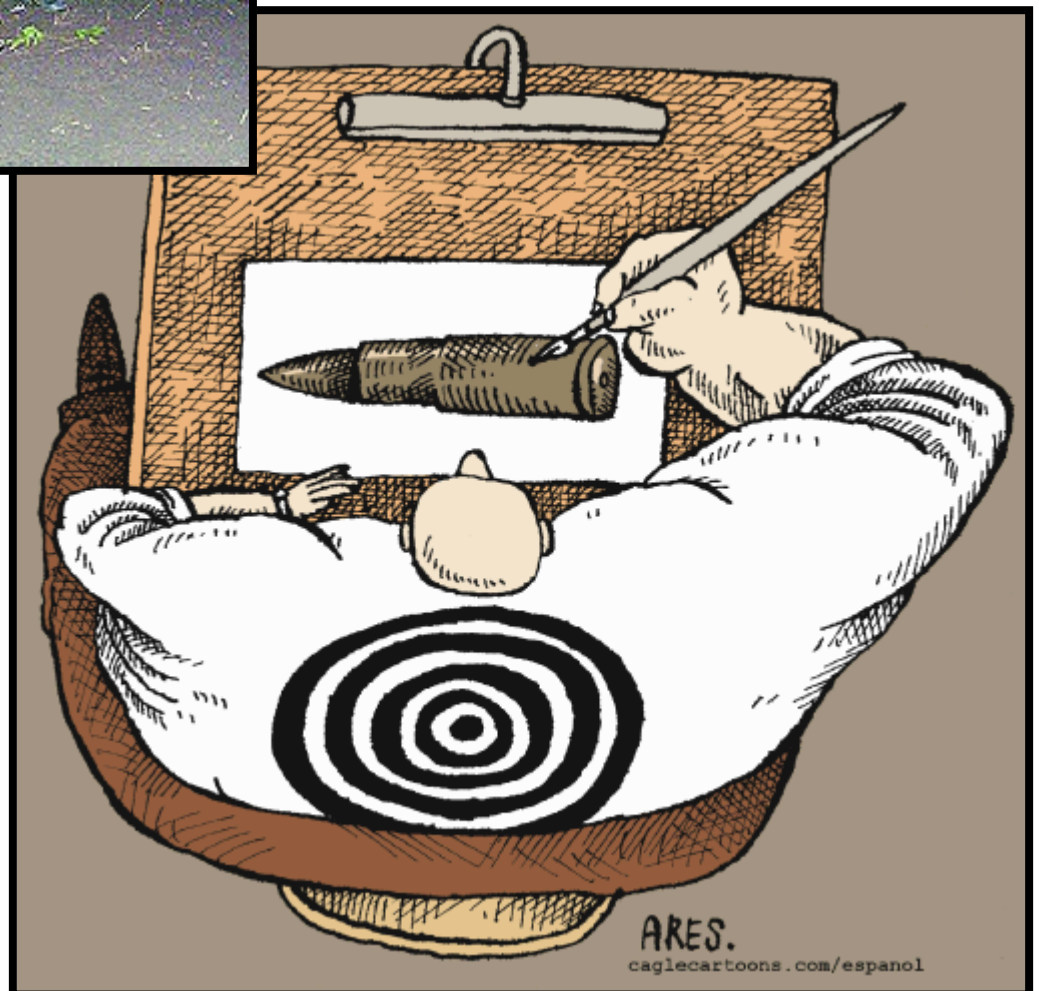
The role of the news media in building a culture of Peace

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The true weapons of mass destruction: Small arms conflicts after the cold war

Presented by:

Mayumi Futamura & Robert Opira



Leah Aylward (USA)

Rotary Club of Cheyenne, Wyoming, District 5440, USA

As a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Leah J Aylward will graduate in December 2007 with a Masters in International Relations – Peace and Conflict Resolution from UQ. Her educational background includes a B.A. from Harvard University in Environmental Science and Public Policy with certificates in International Development, Latin American Studies, Spanish and Teaching. As a U.S. Fulbright Fellow at the University of Manizales in Colombia, Leah studied and researched the university's involvement with community development from June 2005 until February 2006. As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Leah spent 2003 in Costa Rica studying at EARTH University focusing on agricultural sciences and sustainable development of the humid tropics. Leah has also carried out internships at the United Nations Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, Chile; the Foundation New Era Galapagos in Ecuador; and the Costa Rican Foundation for Sustainable Development. She has also had the opportunity to sing with the Radcliffe Choral Society of Harvard on their three week South African tour and live in Okinawa, Japan as a U.S. Peace Scholar. She is fluent in Spanish.

Leah has had an incredible experience as a Rotary World Peace Fellow studying at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. Through coursework and her relationship with the talented professors at UQ, she has broadened her interest and knowledge in the areas of socioeconomic equality and development in Latin America and its relationship to conflict resolution and peace. Along with the incredible learning environment the UQ provides, assisting with undergraduate teaching has been a wonderful opportunity for Leah. Therefore, she plans to start her PhD sometime in the next few years. In the future, Leah hopes to teach and carry out research to contribute to the advancement of knowledge and understanding surrounding issues of international development, inequality and their relationship to violent conflict and peace. Her specific region of interest is Latin America. Leah also looks forward to her continued relationship with Rotary International in promoting goodwill, peace and understanding in both academic and practical settings in order to become a small part of positive change throughout the world.



John Foster (USA)

Rotary Club of Chattanooga, District 6780, USA

John Foster is a 2003 graduate of Davidson College, where he majored in Religion and minored in Spanish. After graduation, John studied as a fellow with the Humanity in Action Foundation in Berlin and served as an intern at the United Nation's International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague. John began his studies in International Relations as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2004. After a brief stint as a research analyst with the Corporate Executive Board, a consulting firm in Washington, DC, John resumed his studies in International Relations in 2006 as a Rotary World Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland. As a Rotary Fellow, John has focused his research on the role that rule of law establishment plays in peacekeeping operations. For his applied field experience, John worked at the Institute for Justice Sector Development, which is a non-profit organization that is developing international standards for setting up war crimes tribunals in post-conflict countries. After graduating from UQ, John intends to study law in the United States and specialize in the field of international humanitarian law.



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.



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 interned at the Khmer Institute of Democracy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from December 2006 until February 2007 where she worked on conflict resolution curriculum design.



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.

For her Applied Field Experience, Lóa worked for UNICEF Pacific in Fiji on strengthening the organisation's disaster preparedness programmes. For her last semester at UQ, Lóa wrote her master's thesis on children's participation in peace building, as her interests lie mainly in children's rights and the welfare of children in conflict. Lóa is extremely grateful to Rotary for their support over the last two years, 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 served Japan Association for UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) in Tokyo between 2001 and 2006. 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. Akiko was born in Yangon (Rangoon), Myanmar (Burma), and is a Japanese citizen. Since she was young, she has developed a strong passion for these regions. Her encounter with a professor during her undergraduate studies, who had served for UNHCR over twenty years, inspired her interest in the global problem of refugees.



Robert Opira (Uganda)

Rotary Club of Gulu, District 9200, Uganda

After graduating with Bachelor of Social Work and Social Administration degree from Makerere University and, a Graduate Diploma in Project Planning and Management from Gulu University in Uganda, Robert has worked as Programme Coordinator with World Vision Uganda and later with Chaford Uganda, rehabilitating former child soldiers and serving internally displaced persons respectively. Robert did his AFE with Amnesty International in Zambia and says he chose to work with Amnesty International because he wanted to learn more about human rights protection and advocacy.

Robert wrote his thesis on Small Arms and Security in the Great Lakes region of Africa. The Great Lakes Region has experienced some of the most deadly armed conflicts in recent years and over six million people have been killed using small arms in just a decade. Robert intends to work towards small arms control and peacebuilding in the Great Lakes Region of Africa.



Vadim L. Ostrovsky (Ukraine)

Danville-Riverview Rotary Club, District 7570, USA

Vadim holds a Bachelor Degree with double majors in Global Marketing Management and Management Science as well as double minors in History and Political Science. He received his Bachelor from Averett University, Danville, VA. After the University, Vadim worked as a Global Business Development Manager for a private company in the US. He also managed on volunteer basis a non-profit project, ClickUkraine, that centred on establishing computer labs and providing basic computer literacy in Ukrainian Foster Homes. Vadim did his AFE with the United Nations Development Program in Cairo, Egypt. In the future, Vadim hopes to continue his contributions towards peace and conflict resolution via a corporate route. Vadim speaks fluent Russian, Ukrainian and English. German and Spanish are the next languages on his list.



Amanda Rader (USA)

Rotary Club of Lancaster, District 7390, USA

Born and raised in the U.S. state of Pennsylvania, Amanda was privileged with the support and love of an extended family network. It was largely through their influence that Amanda cultivated an awareness of social justice issues, which particularly deepened through a volunteer position in Honduras in 1998. The intensity of this cross-cultural experience directed her undergraduate study away from a prior interest in medicine toward a quest for a greater understanding of larger societal dynamics. After graduating with a B.A. in Sociology and Spanish from Franklin & Marshall College in 2001, Amanda spent three years serving as a preventative health volunteer with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. During her first two years, she was involved in community-based empowerment work, and the third year she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer Leader for the Healthy Families sector. Over the course of the Rotary World Peace Fellowship, Amanda has travelled to Argentina, Brazil, Nepal and Australia and in the process has greatly expanded her perspective and understanding of global issues. Amanda particularly enjoys working with young people cross-culturally in processes that facilitate the deconstruction of stereotypes to allow space for the building of bridges of empathy and understanding. She plans to pursue this passion and vision for positive transformation upon graduation from the University of Queensland.



Perth Christina Rosen (USA)

La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary, District 5340, USA

Perth Christina Rosen is Masters Candidate in International Relations. Her current academic interest focuses on the globalization of migration and the effect it has on notions of citizenship and territorially bounded membership. She is most interested in the recent evolution of the social and political spaces being (trans) formed by migration. Her AFE with the International Organization for Migration Costa Rica provided valuable substantive knowledge of migration management, organization and protocol in the Central American region. Work with the counter human-trafficking unit for the Costa Rican region urged Perth to analyze macro issues that frame the plight of trafficking victims most notably poverty and gender-issues.

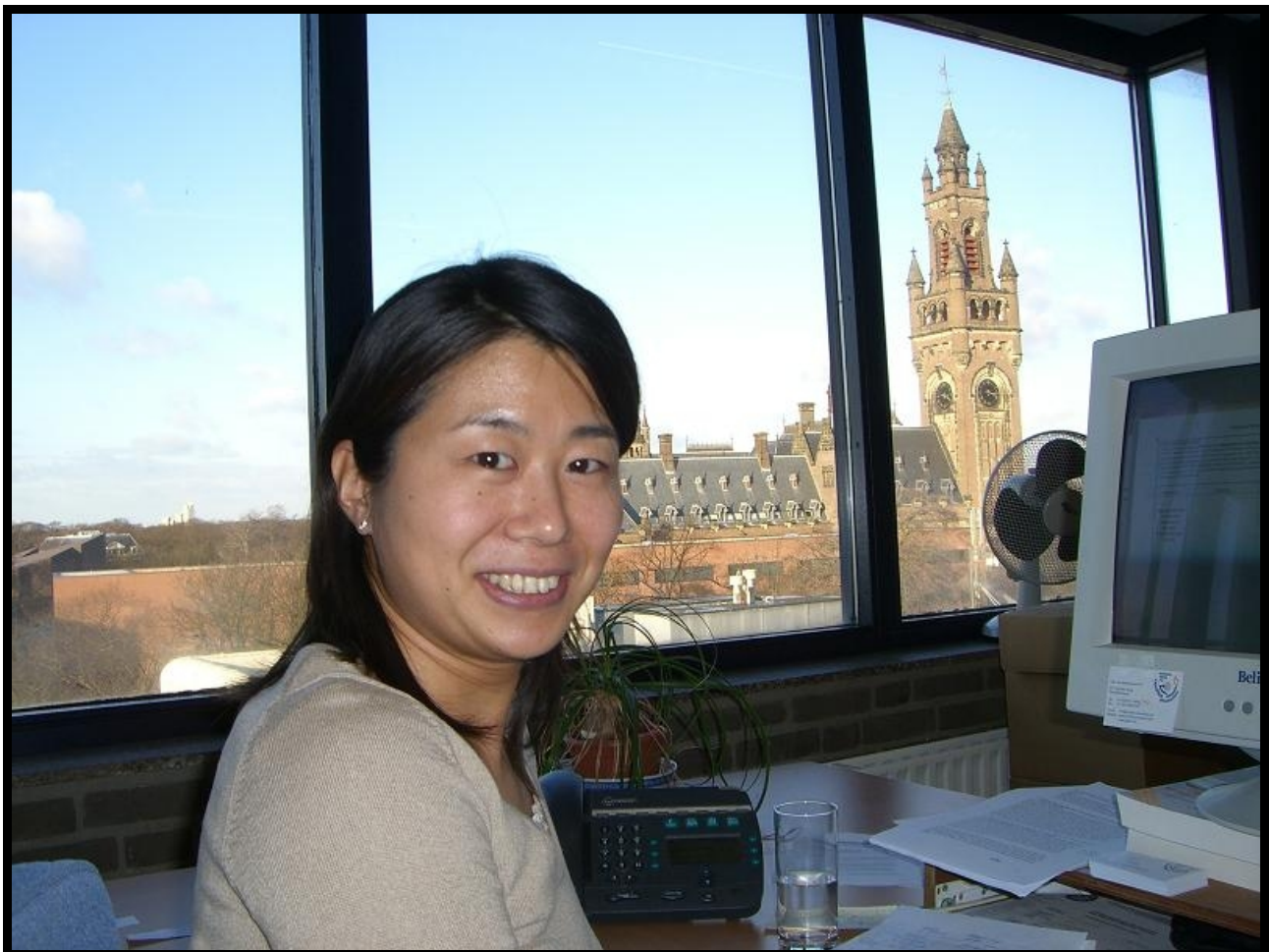


Etsuko Teranishi (Japan)

Rotary Club of Ibaraki-east, District 2660 , Japan

Etsuko has Bachelor degree in Intercultural Studies, focusing on Intercultural Communication. Prior to becoming a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Etsuko had worked with a non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Lao PDR and Cambodia as a project coordinator in rural development and post-conflict reconstruction (including participatory development, literacy education and small arms reduction project). Etsuko spent there for four years. Etsuko speaks Japanese, English and Lao as well as a bit of Indonesia.

During her study in the UQ, Etsuko did her Applied Field Experiences with a European NGO in The Hague, The Netherlands engaged with knowledge-generation and research in grassroots peacebuilding project. After the graduation of the UQ, Etsuko intends to work in post-conflict reconstruction program - reintegration program for former combatant- with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in Aceh, Indonesia.



Mandi (MJ) Vuinovich (USA)

Rotary Club of Fremont, Nebraska, District 5650, USA

During her studies in Journalism at the University of Montana, USA, MJ spent one year abroad attending the University of Ghana, in Accra, where she became familiar with Rotary International. Further involvement with rotary included an Ambassadorial Scholarship to the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina. MJ has held positions as a photojournalist, worked with the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Services in Puerto Rico, and volunteered with several organizations in Latin America.

MJ most recently completed an internship with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in their Cairo regional mission. During her time in the Middle East, she mainly worked with Sudanese refugees before their departure for the United States, Canada, or Australia as part of a refugee relocation program. While in the region, she also visited Jordan and Israel to not only to see the ancient sites, but to also visit former Peace Fellows and learn about their good work. Due in large part because of her experience in the Middle East, MJ has focused her final research project on refugee and ethics. She hopes to continue in the field of refugee and migration studies when she returns to the U.S. at the end of this year.



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.

Andrea Fanta (USA)

Before coming to The University of Queensland, Andrea worked as speechwriter for The Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee. Prior, she worked as a reporter for several newspapers in the Southeast United States. Andrea spent one year as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Salamanca, Spain, where she earned an Honors Diploma in Spanish Studies at La Universidad de Salamanca. She graduated in 2003 from Belmont University in Nashville with a bachelor's degree in journalism and political science. Since accepting the World Peace Fellowship, Andrea has decided to pursue public service and hopes to use her language and writing skills to serve both her country and the international community.

Cassio Furtado

Rotary Club Pelotas Norte, District 4680, Brazil

Cassio holds an M.A. in social sciences from the Global Studies Programme of the University of Freiburg, Germany, and three undergraduate degrees from the University of Kansas, U.S.A. He concentrates his studies on international relations, especially on the nuclear non-proliferation regime, the nuclear program of Iran, and on the study of developing countries such as Brazil, China, India and South Africa. In 2005, Furtado was a press aide at the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations, in Vienna, Austria. When the agency was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize that year, he gave all interviews on behalf of the IAEA in Portuguese and Spanish. After graduation, Furtado intends to continue his work as a writer, teacher, radio and television commentator, explaining international relations to a wider audience.



Rita 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

RI District 3020, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, India.

Prior to being a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Vikas Gora was working as the Director, Disaster Management Wing of a 30 year Gandhian NGO, Arthik Samata Mandal. He has 10 years of experience working in disaster management, human rights, tribal development, integrated community development. He also holds a Masters in Social Work. He worked in organizations such as CARE International, Child Rights and You and PLAN International-Tribal Development Project in his career. The Rotary Fellowship, he maintains has helped him to draw a road map into his future. He wants to work in the United Nations focusing on international development, disaster management and human security related issues.

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.cegung.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, International Economics - Don State Technical University, Rostov-on-Don, Russia.

Area of expertise: Peace, Economic Justice Issues, HIV/AIDS and Policy Analysis

Most Recent job position: Research Officer and Executive Assistant – Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa, Harare, Zimbabwe

Career Plans: To become a practitioner of conflict prevention and resolution in Africa, with special focus in the southern African region, and prepare strategies to prevent conflicts before they erupt into violent wars.

**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 - University of Kuopio, Kuopio, Finland

Graduate degree: MA, Social Sciences / Social Policy, Political Science & Economics, University of 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



Before arriving to the University of Queensland, Kristin was in Chapel Hill, North Carolina completing a Master's Degree in Education that focused on Curriculum and Public Policy. Prior to that, she worked in a global education museum that emphasized cultural understanding through participatory learning. She also traveled around the world for one year, and enjoyed the hospitality of her neighbours in several countries. She hopes to combine her interests in education and conflict resolution in contributing to transformational community building experiences.

Alumni

Class III (2005 – 2006)

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 of 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.

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.



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.

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.

**Caitlin Fitzpatrick**

USA, District 5450



While Caitlin is still in hot pursuit of that dream job that allows for her to simultaneously save the world, make a million dollars, not get too stressed out, put her degree to use all the whilst she enjoys that beautiful Colorado lifestyle, she has managed to keep busy doing several things. The first of which is looking for a job....a time consuming activity that she is sure will pay off shortly. She has also been very active with her local Rotary clubs working on projects locally and internationally. Mentoring and helping Rotary Scholarship applicants has become a passion of hers and she is really enjoying helping candidates from Africa find sponsor clubs, complete the application process and become acquainted with the

Fellowship and their potential new homes. Caitlin also spends her time teaching Spanish and volunteering for the African Community Center in Denver which helps transition African refugees from conflict zones acclimate to their new communities. Caitlin wanted to be sure to include a warm thanks to UQ, the staff and all of the incredibly generous Rotarians of Australia who made her experience truly amazing and unforgettable.

Arik Gutler Ofir

Israel, District 2490

Arik arrived home last year, just when the second Lebanese war ended. To talk to people about conflict transformation was like telling them fairy tale. The respond that he received was: 'well, you were in Australia in past two years, so you don't understand' and his answer was: 'this is my advantage'. Arik is coordinating a theatre project which brings together two high-schools in the North of Israel- a Jewish high-school is tutoring an Arab speaking high school, the first in Israel, it is going great. The second project came into Arik's head during Morgan Brigg's class: it is a workshop that he is going to open in the 30th of October, entitled: 'theatre as a tool for a social change'.- 3 hours course on conflict transformation theories and 'theatre of the oppressed' active workshop, asking: what can theatre do to help. It is a course at the 'social-economic college'; which is a union of 1500 academic who think that social theories need to be accessible to everybody. So, the course is open to everybody for free (yes, everyone is a volunteer- who said that education brings profits...).The third project is a short-plays-theatre- festival that I am producing, entitled: 'war, peace and social justice'. it will take place in June 6-8 2008, in a theatre in the city of Acre. People are asked to send ideas for 20 minute plays. There will be 20 short plays, and between shows the audience will be invited to discuss the issues that the plays deal with. One of plays is being written by Aeaden Whyatt , one of Arik's UQ class mates. The winner will be the play that the audience feels made them think differently. I would like to thank the Rotarians and wonderful staff at UQ for their blessed effort.

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 is currently living in Denver, Colorado where she is building peace through positive economics and ethical international business as the Director of Trade and Investment for South America and the Caribbean for the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. I will help to promote Colorado businesses in the region and help foster partnerships on a global basis. My belief is that each positive relationship we create will help us to share the space we live in and to be better neighbours.. Leah is writing what she hopes will be a book about her experience as a Peace Fellow and have helped the Commerce City Rotary Club with their project sending hospital equipment to Christmas Island. If any Aussie Rotarians would like to take part in that project, please have them contact me! LKBUENAS@GMAIL.COM



Santosh Mehra

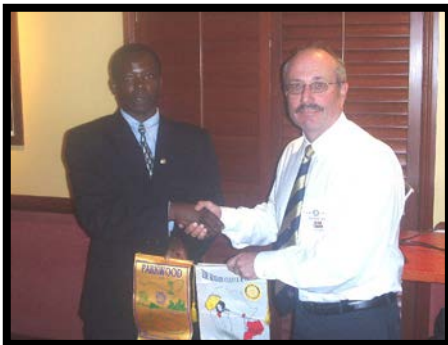
India, District 3150

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.

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.



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



Maiko Shimizu

Japan, District 2590



Maiko is currently working as a researcher in economic affairs at the Embassy of Japan in Dili, East Timor, since March 2007 (until Feb 2009). Her responsibilities include: 1) working as a liaison person for international agencies (UNICEF, UNDP, ADB, IMF, WFP, etc) for their Japanese government funded programmes as well as for UNMIT (PKO mission in East Timor), and 2) monitoring state budget, petroleum fund, and doing research on other economy issues And also doing some extra activities aside from the regular Embassy works. Maiko also works with the Akino-foundation-funded field research on youth organisations in East Timor which is almost completed! Maiko is also working on a book chapter on peace and conflict in East Timor with a co-author, they

hope to publish it (in Japan) next year.

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 is back in his hometown - São José do Rio Preto - in the north western São Paulo State, Brasil. He is practicing business law and in 2008 he will be partner of an important law firm in the field of International Business Law.. At the moment he is deeply involved with International Environmental Law (Kyoto Protocol Carbon Credits Market) and advice on future and stock market. Alessandro is currently writing articles for the Diário da Região Newspaper on International Politics, Culture and other topics of interest. He is also preparing a Doctorate Research Proposal to submit to an university in Brazil

or in Europe.

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.



Alumni

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. He is also working as the communications manager for an Australian Research Council-funded project on governance.



Yoshio Chikamatsu (Japan)

Yoshio Chikamatsu, was a member of the second class of Rotary World Peace Fellows at UQ. He is currently working for a development consultant and recently finished a two year project in Tanzania for the provision of training on financial management and internal audit to the government official. His time and research at UQ has helped him to improve the quality of his work.

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)



After the Rotary World Peace Fellowship, I came home to the Philippines where I was hired at the Senate of the Philippines (the upper house of the Philippine legislature) as a researcher and consultant in the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation headed by Senator Edgardo J. Angara. However, I was later promoted as assistant chief-of-staff, where I handled the Senator's rural development projects geared towards food security, livelihood and job creation in the countryside. The thrust is to make the rural areas self-sufficient by tapping and developing their existing resources. My involvement in projects starts from conceptual stages, to sourcing out

of funds from different agencies, until their actual implementation on the ground.

In late 2006, I resigned from my job at the Senate and took on the challenge of a political leadership. I ran as municipal mayor in the May 2007 local elections with nothing but my platform of governance, my energy to hike mountains to reach the people, and a merger supply from family and friends for logistics. To be a municipal mayor is to be the local chief executive of a town. It is a very powerful position that when used properly, would redound to speedier development for the people and the countryside. Some would think that it was a naïve strategy but I guess when it comes to what one believes, there is no such thing as naïve or superior strategy. I imposed a NO vote buying policy on my entire slate and we all lost.

I found out why people sell their votes. They do not believe in a politician's promise. Every election, politicians would visit them in their far-flung homes, promise them a road, a school building, a bridge or anything under the sun, in exchange for their votes. After the election, the promise is never or is rarely delivered. So, the people learned their lesson. They decided they do not need roads or any services. They have gone for a short-term reward. Pay them for their votes. If the politician happens to be good and actually makes good his promises, they are in a win-win situation.

It was in a way a traumatic experience. While I consider myself to be a different kind of politician, the people treated us all alike. They sucked us all. But what I find to be even more traumatic is not knowing when the cycle will end. But I consider my losing just because I played well and clean to be my little contribution to improving politics in our locality. People will eventually realize that some promises are deliverable such as a hard-working and committed leadership. I have not lost hope. I am considering trying again in the 2010 elections.

Meanwhile, my job at the Senate is still waiting for me. But I requested to take a longer rest. Having been in the campaign trail for a few months and sustaining a head injury in the process, I think I deserve a longer rest.

Colin Spurway (Scotland)

Colin is currently leading a peaceful economic development programme in southern Kyrgyzstan. He works for Mercy Corps - as he has for several years - and receives external funding from the US Agency for International Development. Colin's team works in 42 communities, combining economic development programming, vocational training for young people, good governance interventions, and information dissemination projects. Colin is a Scorpio, enjoys listening to Puccini and the earlier works of Missy Elliot, and live in Osh city with a stray cat call 'Durak' and several teapots. Colin would just like to add that should just add - because it is so funny - that his current job title is 'Chief of Party'. He is serious. It says it on his business card, and everything!



Alumni

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. Probably the most interesting project I am working on is one that helps provide care, treatment and support to children living with HIV and AIDS. As part of this project, I'm managing the development of child-friendly pediatric treatment literacy materials - basically a toolkit of information that will help children learn more about anti-retroviral therapy. 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)

Path was part of the first class of Rotary World Peace Fellows, he is from Cambodia. He is now working for the World Bank in Cambodia. He works in three main projects: Justice for the Poor (involving analytical studies to inform legal and judiciary reform), Demand for Good Governance (aims at improving governance through demand for it), and another project, Civil Society Organizations in Social Accountability. He is handling multi-million dollar projects.



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)

I am a busy consultant these days doing the following- Lead Consultant, Constella Futures, member of UNAIDS Regional Resource Group I am working with People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) in the Arab States region with above partners, developing a series of leadership trainings across the 20state Arab Region in which we work. The aim of the project is to build PLWH capacity to advocate with governments and provide input in planning addressing in particular the human rights, gender dimensions and governance issues related to HIV in-country. Consultant, CEDPA. I am developing a proposal for overall HIV strategy to be implemented in South Sudan. Lead Consultant, UNDP, South Sudan. I will be working on a number of interventions but in particular supporting coordination between key partners and building the capacity of the newly established South Sudan AIDS Secretariat in addition to supporting HIV interventions via the UN Misisions Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Programme. I will also be conducting research and creating materials related to Behaviour Change Communication related to HIV in conflict/post conflict settings. In the recent past I have worked as the Regional Programme Officer for the UNDP's HIV/AIDS Regional Programme in the Arab States and just finished up a consultancy with UNDP/UNMission in Sudan mapping HIV related services for both the North and South Sudan DDR process as well as creating a series of HIV related materials for female ex-combatants and those who have faced gender based violence. Member Leadership Core. Founding member of group that addresses leadership, spirituality, power and possibilities. It has just started! Also the article I co-authored with Roland Bleiker is one of the top-ten read articles this year published by International Studies Quarterly and features RWPF AFE as a case study and mentions the art exhibit we had at UQ .After all of this I am looking to move to Washington D.C.



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

Incoming Rotary World Peace Fellows **Class VI (2008-2009)**

Lydia Bulmer – Wales

Rotary Club of Horsham, District 9600 UK



Language proficiency: English and French

Undergraduate degree: International Relations, University of Wales Aberystwyth

Areas of expertise: Ethics of Economic Sanction in Achieving Global Peace

Most recent job position: International Account Management and Sales Operative: Red Arrow Trading.

Career plans: To become a campaigner or policy maker for a Non Governmental Organisation

Kathryn Clark – USA

Rotary Club of Fort Wayne, District 6540, USA

Language proficiency: English and Spanish, beginner Burmese and French

Undergraduate degree: Indiana University, Fort Wayne, USA

Areas of expertise: International Diplomacy

Most recent job position: Program and project developer, immigrant/refugee liaison and translator /interpreter, American Red Cross.

Career plans: To work in field of international (humanitarian and human rights) law and / r in international diplomacy

Virorth Doung – Cambodia

Rotary Club of Bangkrak, District 3350, Thailand

Language proficiency: English and Cambodian

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Education in English Language, Institute of Foreign Languages of Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Areas of expertise: English education, peace building and conflict resolution

Most recent job position: Program Manger for Human Security and Peace Building Program at Cambodia Development Resource Institute

Career plans: Policy research manger relevant to peace and conflict resolution



Veronica Hynes – Argentina

Rotary Club of Mendoza Tajamar, District 4860, Argentina

Language proficiency: Spanish and English

Graduate degree: Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA

Areas of expertise: Law

Most recent job position: Attorney

Kevin Melton – USA

Rotary Club of Rosslyn & Ft. Meyer, District 7610, USA

Language proficiency: English and French

Undergraduate degree: James Madison University, Harrisburg, USA

Areas of expertise: Advanced international affairs, peace and security

Most recent job position: Project manager , Chemonics International Inc. Providing logistical support for USAID funded projects.

Career plans: Work in the sector of post-conflict and transitional development with the UN or World Bank

Ryan Moore – Northern Ireland

Rotary Club of Ballymoney, District 1160, Ireland



Language proficiency: English and French

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of Ulster, Northern Ireland

Areas of expertise: Community relations and community development

Most recent job position: Community relations office, Moyle District Council, Northern Ireland

Career plans: Work on peace building and social justice issues either at Governmental level or within NGO's

Mathias Omar – Tanzania

Rotary Club of Bahari – Dar es Salaam, District 9200, Tanzania

Language proficiency: English, French and Kiswahili

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Law, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Areas of expertise: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Most recent job position: Legal Officer, Human and Civil Rights Advocate Centre in East Africa

Career plans: Work with any agency devoted in supporting world understanding and peace at the international level



Myint Myint Shwe – Thailand

Rotary Club of Maesai, District 2260, Thailand



Language proficiency: English, Japanese, Myanmar

Graduate Degree: Master of Education, Institute of Education, Yangon, Myanmar

Areas of expertise: Education

Most recent job position: Save the Children, Myanmar, Area Manager (Education)

Career plans: Serve in rural areas where there is poverty as a community development facilitator and promoting their capacities through quality Education and Health Services.

Emily Todd – USA

Rotary Club of Attica – Williamsport, District 6560, USA

Language proficiency: English, Spanish

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Arts (International Relations), The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio

Areas of expertise: Community Development and Human Rights

Most recent job position: Community Educator, Proyecto Generando Vida, Nicaragua

Career plans: Work with international organisation to develop local, strength and resource based, country specific and culturally sensitive program, in order to work towards a greater promotion of economic and social justice and development.

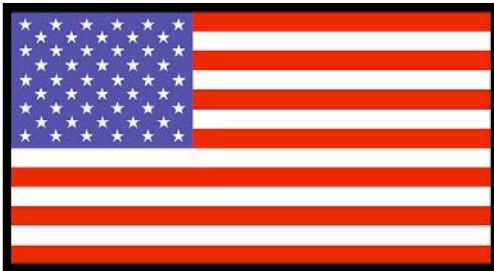
Janelle Weissman – USA

Rotary Club of Smoky Hill, District 5450 USA

Language proficiency: English, French and basic Spanish

Graduate degree: Master of Arts, Nonprofits Management, Regis University Colorado, USA

Areas of expertise: Non-profit management, resource development and grant-making.



Most recent job position: Executive Director of Rita and Harold Divine Foundation and Social Venture Partners Boulder County, providing financial support and technical assistance to non-profit organisation strengthening opportunities for youth and new immigrants, and building bridges for peace in region of conflict around the world.

Career plans: To advance peace, social and economic justice across and within diverse cultures.

Marcos Zunino - Argentina

Rotary Club of San Fernando, District 4820, Argentina

Language proficiency: Spanish, English, French, Italian

Undergraduate degree: Law, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Areas of expertise: Law

Most recent job position: First Auxiliary, Judicial Power of the Buenos Aires Province, judge's assistant

Career plans: A diplomatic career either government or NGO



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