

## **WELCOME FROM THE CENTRE DIRECTOR**

Welcome to the University of Queensland's sixth annual World Peace Fellows Seminar, formerly known as the Paul Harris Seminar. We are delighted that you are able to join us on this important occasion where Class Six Rotary World Peace Fellows present their research to a broad audience of Rotarians, academics and the general public. Class Seven World Peace Fellows are 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 five intakes of Peace Fellows have completed their studies and are applying what they learned throughout the world. The Class Six Fellows who will be presenting today are due to graduate shortly, so this is also an opportunity for the School and University to thank the Fellows for their superb contribution to the intellectual community and to give them our best wishes as they embark on their vocation as peacebuilders.

The World Peace Fellows Seminar is a vital component of the Fellows' activities in the Rotary Centre; it was designed as a way to build and maintain links between the Rotary Centre and 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 continued support and funding of the program and indeed for its enlightened decision to work towards world peace, justice and understanding, values shared by the University and 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 program, 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 of the University of Queensland Rotary Centre for International Studies in  
peace and conflict resolution



## ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS' SEMINAR 2009 PROGRAM

8.30 – 9.00                      **Registration**

9.00 – 9.25                      **Making Peace Real: In Our Past, Present and Future**

9.15 – 9.25                      **Welcome from the School**  
Dr Richard Devetak, Director

9.25 – 9.35                      **Rotary World Peace Centres**  
Judy Magub, Host Area Coordinator for Rotary Peace Centres Program

### **Peace in Our Past**

*"Peace begins with a Smile. " – Mother Theresa*

**A Survivor's Story: Motivation and Commitment**  
Presented by Virorth Doung

10.20 - -10.50                **Morning Tea**

### **Peace in Our Present**

*"There is no way to peace. Peace is the way." – A.J. Muste*

**Burmese Refugees in Thailand: Rights and Realities**  
Presented by Kathy Clark

**Eliminating Poverty through Trade: Fairtrade and Trade Justice**  
Presented by Lydia Bulmer

**A Journey to Orange Island**  
Presented by Veronica Hynes and Class VII

12.30 – 1.30                      **Lunch**

### **Peace in Our Future**

*"We look forward to the time when the power of love will replace the love of power. The will our world know the blessings of peace." William E. Gladstone*

**Children as Peacemakers**  
Presented by Tamara Turcan

**Afghanistan Today and Tomorrow**  
Presented by Kevin Melton

2.40 – 3.10                      **Afternoon Tea**

### **Bringing Peace Together**

*"One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at the goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means." Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Roads to Peace: A conversation on the Applied Field Experience**  
Presented by Emily Todd, Marcos Zunino and Ryan Moore

**A Call to Action**  
Presented by Janelle Weissman and Class VII

4.10 – 4.20                      **Brian Knowles, Former Rotary International Director**

4.20 – 4.45                      **Questions and Updates**

4.45 – 5.00                      **Farewell**



# A SURVIVOR'S STORY: MOTIVATION AND COMMITMENT

Presented by Virorth Doung



My difficult childhood during a time of chronic violence and devastating civil war prompted my interest in peace and becoming a peace practitioner in Cambodia. Born six months after the Khmer Rouge came to power in 1975, and three months after my father was taken away for execution, I was separated from my mother and siblings immediately after birth and taken to a place with 25 other babies where we were supervised by two elderly guardians. My mother was taken to a forced labor camp located far away from the baby centre six days after I was born and was allowed to visit me only once every two weeks. Throughout my life I struggled to attain a higher education. I believed from a young age that only education could help me move out of poverty. During the 1980s, my secret pursuit of English gave me some command of the English language, which allowed me to attain higher education at the university.

My bitter life experience met with my scant understanding of post-conflict peace building compelled me to think critically on how to influence change in Cambodia, especially on the policy level. My desire to work for peace gave me motivation to apply for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship. I have always had a dream to do something better to build peace and resolve conflict non-violently in Cambodia. I realized my dream had come true when the Rotary Foundation announced the final acceptance and approval for my scholarship to study at University of Queensland. I am grateful to the Bangrak Rotary Club of Rotary District 3350 in Thailand for nominating me as a candidate for this opportunity.

# BURMESE REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN THAILAND: RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND REALITIES

Presented by Kathy Clark



Large scale loss of life, a government unwilling to protect its own citizens, and crimes against humanity are aspects of reality faced by the people of Burma, both ethnic Burmese and members of numerous minority ethnic groups. Along the Thai-Burma border there are numerous refugee and IDP (internally displaced persons) camps. Thousands of asylum-seekers desperately seek entry into Thailand to petition for protected status. This presentation will explore the legal ramifications of customary international law and which applications Thailand's responsibilities fall under. It will look specifically at areas of *non-refoulement* and discuss international community's responsibilities, while looking also at refugee and asylum-seekers' rights and realities.

The presenter, Kathy Clark, has worked with people of Burma for the better part of the last decade, through Americorps, the American Red Cross and other organizations. During her time as a Rotary World Peace Fellow, she has been able to further research and develop a better understanding of the complex situation of protracted conflict in Burma and its impact on not only neighboring countries, but also on the international community. During her Applied Field Experience, she was able to augment her learning experience by working directly along the Thai-Burma border.

# ELIMINATING POVERTY THROUGH TRADE: FAIRTRADE AND TRADE JUSTICE

Presented by Lydia Bulmer



Today we live in a world where people think nothing of spending \$3 on a cappuccino yet one third of the world live on less than a dollar a day. Trade plays a significant role in ending poverty, but the current system of free trade rules pushed for by rich country governments and international institutions are increasing poverty. This injustice can be easily remedied by changing the trading system. This talk will address how Fairtrade and Trade Justice can help eliminate poverty. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. Buying Fairtrade products means farmers receive a fair price for their produce and a Fairtrade premium which can be used to invest in the community such as build schools and wells. Trade Justice is about changing the current trade regulations to make them fairer for all involved.



# CHILDREN AS PEACEMAKERS

Presented by Tamara Turcan



Tamara's presentation engages the experience she acquired working with the grassroots organisation CHILDREN-Nepal during her Applied Field Experience in Pokhara, Nepal. She will focus on the importance of education and empowerment of children to solve social problems that is done through trainings in anger management, decision making, peer negotiation, conflict management, valuing diversity, active listening, and effective communication.



# AFGHANISTAN – TODAY & TOMORROW

Presented by Kevin Melton



Throughout the past decade Afghanistan has highlighted challenges that require an integrated and comprehensive statebuilding response. After over 30 years of civil war, much of the existing state structure developed prior to the Soviet invasion have collapsed, creating sanctuaries for extremism that threaten both domestic security as well as the larger international society. Yet, since the fall of the Taliban in 2001, much of the international efforts still struggle to achieve a functioning state, let alone peace and stability throughout the country. The presentation will look at some of the current operational challenges as well as future strategies to enhance peace and security.

## **ROADS TO PEACE: A CONVERSATION ON THE APPLIED FIELD EXPERIENCE**

Presented by Emily Todd, Marcos Zunino and Ryan Moore



Peace can be represented as a brilliant horizon which we all strive to reach; a horizon towards which many roads lead. In this conversational exercise Ryan Moore, Emily Todd and Marcos Zunino will recount their experiences during their Applied Field Experiences (AFE). Ryan spent his AFE with a local Non-Governmental Organisation in East Timor; Emily did work for the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) at their field office in Ghana; and Marcos worked with the International Centre for Transitional Justice in Geneva. They spent their AFE in different continents working with different kinds of organisations; yet, they could see that all of them were different paths that led to the same goal: peace. Therefore, this presentation will explore the differences and similarities of their experiences during their AFE.

## LYDIA BULMER

*Rotary Club of Horsham, West Sussex, District 1250, United Kingdom*

When Lydia returned to the UK in 1998 after having spent 6 years living in rural France her interest in development grew. Her voluntary involvement with Oxfam over the years has included her working in Oxfam shops, in the campaigns office in Cardiff and Leeds as well as working at many large events and festivals over the UK. Volunteering for Oxfam taught her a lot about what causes poverty and what needs to be done to eradicate poverty whilst working on Fairtrade and the Make Poverty History campaign. Over the years Lydia has also volunteered for other developmental NGO's including the World Development Movement and War on Want. At university Lydia was president of People and Planet which linked issues of poverty with her ongoing concern as a child in environmental issues.

It was during her time at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth studying International Politics and Third World Politics that Lydia became involved in Peace and Justice Issues. Having started her degree in 2001 just after NATO invaded Afghanistan, Lydia decided something needed to be done to stop the killing of innocent civilians and therefore set up a Peace and Justice group at her University. As a consequence of this Lydia helped launch the annual Welsh Peace and Justice festival that she organised for three consecutive years and is still running today.

When Lydia graduated she tried to find work in the NGO field however due to not having a masters degree she was unable to find anything and she therefore spent three years doing Sales jobs including charity fund-raising. During her spare time she carried on her voluntary commitments with Oxfam as well as the Welsh Peace and Justice Movement. She also spent three months cycling around Wales to gather people's views on what they would like the



G8 leaders to be doing as well as running participatory workshops on Poverty and Climate Change. As part of this 'Blossom Bike Tour' she met up with Rhodri Morgan, First Minister of Wales and was part of a BBC documentary AM PM. Her findings have also been archived by the National Library of Wales.

Lydia understands all too clearly the link between war and poverty and to this end she would like to continue working to eradicate poverty and achieve greater justice. She believes that the MAKE POVERTY HISTORY campaign which includes work on Trade Justice is an important step in the fight against poverty and consequential peace. Now that Lydia has a Masters she hopes to be able to work on the MAKE POVERTY HISTORY campaign through a NGO.



## KATHY CLARK

*Rotary Club of Fort Wayne, Indiana, District 6540, USA*

Kathy has spent numerous years involved with people from all parts of the world, beginning this lifestyle by way of teaching English to adults and youth. Subsequently, through years of work at the American Red Cross in her hometown community of Fort Wayne, Indiana, she had the privilege of directing a program that functioned to inform and assist refugees, asylees and immigrants in ways such as organizing “Arrival/Survival” skills workshops for the numerous refugees who have resettled into the community, providing translation and interpretation services to help clients meet basic needs, such as attaining a driver’s license or enrolling their children into school and organizing International Coffeehouses and other multicultural social events.



From school days studying Cultural Anthropology and Conflict Resolution, to frequent international travel experiences, Kathy has maintained an active stance in the pursuit of international goodwill and understanding. She has been engaged in roles of voluntary leadership through forums, such as co-founding the International Women’s Club, being a selected presenter for community-wide discussions on international education and diversity issues and facilitating group discussions on how to undo racism via United Way-sponsored Study Circles.

Other peace and justice work has led her to co-create a nationally/internationally awarded movement, called Procott ([www.procott.org](http://www.procott.org)), whose goal is to support the production of earth-friendly and justice-friendly goods and services by understanding the power and, laterally, the choices people have as consumers.

An ongoing responsibility she feels committed to is building bridges of communication and understanding between various cultural groups and to forge direct links between non-native English speakers and their counterparts.

Through her recent Applied Field Experience, Kathy was able to put facilitation skills to further use when organizing and delivering Cultural Awareness presentations to community groups in Sweden. Additionally, she was able to live out a longtime dream of working along the Thai-Burma border with refugees and asylum seekers from Burma.

She has welcomed the opportunity to engage further in conflict resolution studies here at UQ and sincerely values the chance to put new knowledge into practice. Kathy is deeply grateful to the Rotary Foundation and all Rotarians, UQ staff, friends and family who have helped make her time here not only a possibility, but also a rich, fulfilling and life-altering experience.

## **VIRORTH DOUNG**

*Rotary Club*

Virorth DOUNG is a Rotary World Peace Fellow (2008-2009) and a candidate for Master of International Studies (Peace and Conflict Resolution) at the University of Queensland, Australia. His main research interest is post conflict peace-building and human security. Before becoming a Rotary World Peace Fellow at UQ, Virorth holds dual bachelors in Cambodia. He graduated a bachelor in Khmer Literature from Royal University of Phnom Penh in 1997 and received a diploma in pedagogy in the same year. He then continued to study another bachelor of English Education at the Institute of Foreign Languages (IFL) and completed 2 academic years of 3 year-long English based bachelor of law at Royal University of Law and Economics (RULES).

He was supposed to be a public school teacher, however, because Virorth's interests align to promoting peace understanding and conflict resolution, he started his career in Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs). Virorth has extensively engaged as a peace building practitioner in Cambodia working to promote non-violent community conflict resolution and peace understanding. He was a peace-building trainer and peace training of trainer (TOT) through NGO sector. He was a program manager for peace-building and human security program with Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), a leading independent policy research institute, in early 2005 and a program manager for conflict transformation program with SILAKA in early 2002.



His hardship during childhood in chronic devastating civil war prompted Virorth 's interest and attention in peace and become a peace practitioner in Cambodia. Born six months after Khmer Rouge came to power in 1975 and three months after his father was taken away for execution, Virorth was separated from mother and siblings immediately after birth delivery and was put with other 25 babies under two old guardians. His mother was forced to labor camp located far away from baby center six day after birth delivery and was allowed to visit Virorth only once per two weeks. Virorth was the most fortunate child who survived from that regime as most of children in his same center died gradually due to malnutrition, decease, lake of medicine and treatment and starvation. Living with illiterate mother and other five siblings, Virorth struggled his childhood hardship to attain higher education. He believes from his young age that only education helps him move out of poverty and bitter hardship. His secret pursuant of English study during 1980s gave him some command of English capability and be able to attain higher education at Universities.

“Pursuing my study at any university abroad on peace and conflict resolution is my premeditated plan since I was young. I have a dream to do something better to build peace and resolve conflict non-violently in my country” said Virorth. Now Virorth's dream is realized when The Rotary Foundation through the Rotary World Peace Fellowship finally accepted him as a Rotary World Peace Fellow and assigned to study at University of Queensland, Australia. This opportunity not only enables Virorth to better conceptualize the peace and conflict at UQ, but also will entitle him to work harder and harder to promote peace and non-violent conflict resolution when he goes back to Cambodia. Virorth will focus on policy research on peace and conflict resolution in Cambodia after graduation. He also plans to pursue PhD after working for a period of time in Cambodia.



## **VERONICA HYNES**

*Rotary Club Mendoza Tajamar, Mendoza, District 4860, Argentina*

Veronica Hynes is from Mendoza, Argentina. She holds a Law Degree from Universidad de Mendoza, Argentina, where she graduated in 1999 among the top 10% of the class. After the completion of her studies, Veronica first worked as a lawyer for the public sector, focusing on regulatory law in the energy sector. She then joined private practice, specializing in corporate and restructuring issues.

Veronica also holds a Laws Master from Georgetown University Law Centre received in May 2003. During her studies at Georgetown she specialised in international investment law and international finance. In particular, her thesis revolved around International Dispute Settlement with a special view to the Argentine emergency regulation after the financial crisis in 2001. After her studies at Georgetown, Veronica successfully sat for the New York Bar exam.



Pursuing her interest in international organizations and their influence in developing countries, she was an intern at the Foundation for International Community Assistance, also known as FINCA, an international non-for-profit organization focused on microfinance and village banking in developing countries, as a method to fight poverty. This experience motivated her to explore the dynamics of the United Nations in development issues and poverty reduction, as well as the analysis of new legal instruments to canalize private funding to developing countries. As a result, she embarked on an internship at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), based in Geneva, Switzerland, at the Industrial Restructuring, Energy and Enterprise Development. Her research topics included, among others, Public-Private Partnerships and Intellectual Property Rights and its role on Foreign Direct Investment.

After the financial debacle in Argentina in 2001, the country was socially transformed, widening the gap between rich and poor. Some of the regulations set in place during the 1990s - suggested by international organizations - demonstrated severe flaws when set in practice in Argentina, creating social unrest and deepening the causes for economic and social conflict. As a result, Veronica decided to embark on the Rotary World Peace Fellows program as a means to achieve a better understanding of how conflict, as a process, can be transformed to improve the livelihoods of the Argentine people. This path has taken her to different areas of study and it has also opened new dimensions to her vision of global politics and world peace. Veronica plans to go back to Argentina to foster the spread of alternative methods of conflict resolution as a way of fighting social and economic inequalities.

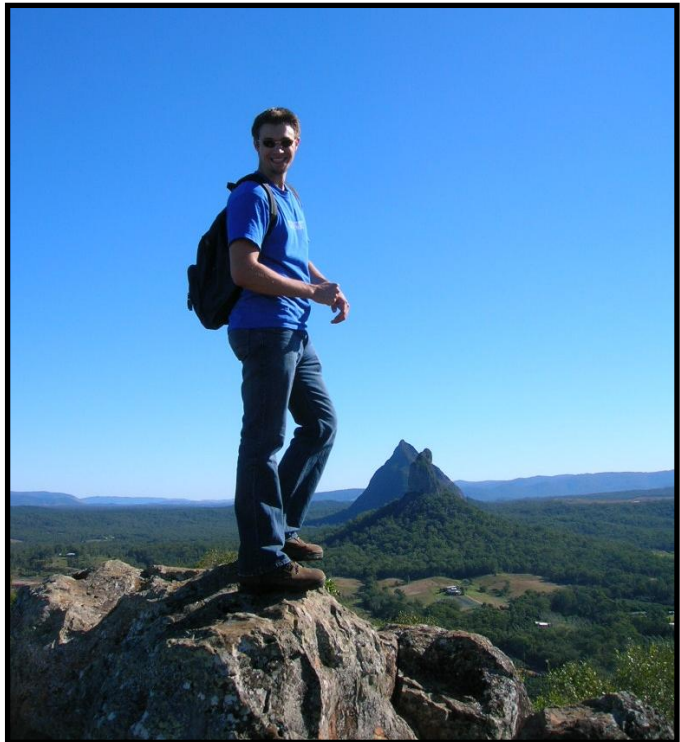
## KEVIN MELTON

*Rotary Club of Rosslyn/Ft. Meyer, Virginia, District 7610, USA*

Kevin was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Northern Virginia outside of Washington, DC. With a French mother and American father, Kevin grew up surrounded by two cultures and frequently travelling back and forth across the Atlantic to visit family. He obtained a Bachelors of Arts in International Affairs from James Madison University in Virginia. His host club is Rosslyn Ft. Meyer club in District 7610. His first interest in conflict resolution began during his junior year in high school while taking a peer mediation class to mediate between fellow students. Since then, he decided to build a career that promotes dialogue and seeks to provide win-win solutions for all parties involved.

Kevin has spent the last 6 years as an international development professional and post-conflict transition specialist with experience in project design, project development, international conflict management and mitigation throughout the world. He has experience in US government-funded projects, post-conflict economic development, international crisis management, risk analysis, and project training, design and implementation.

Before arriving at UQ in February 2008, Kevin worked with Chemonics International Inc, one of USAID's largest contractors, focusing on transitional development projects in conflict areas including Afghanistan, Colombia, West Bank/Gaza, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, and Sudan. Throughout his short career, Kevin has experienced both the non-profit and contracting



sectors promoting international conflict resolution and transitional development. During his time as a contractor, his passion continued for the conflict resolution field acting as a team leader for the Crisis Prevention and Recovery technical sector at Chemonics. His experiences have enabled Kevin to have the opportunity to work with a variety of issues including Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR), community strengthening, and economic development. Additionally, he has worked in several conflict zones including Southern Sudan and Southern Afghanistan.

Based on his previous academic and practical experiences, Kevin focused his studies on ways to enhance international security. During his Rotary Fellowship applied field experience, he interned at NATO headquarters in Brussels during the summer working with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan to gain a better understanding of the political-military strategic planning. After finishing his degree he hopes to continue his work in transitional development focusing on civil military relations, peacekeeping, and community development.

## RYAN MOORE

*Rotary Club of Ballymoney, District 1160, Ireland.*

Ryan is 29 years old comes from a town called Ballymoney – a small rural, provincial town in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Ballymoney is located as the gateway to the world famous Causeway Coast and Glens and Bushmills Distillery; the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world! He is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ballymoney who are delighted that he was awarded the Rotary World Peace Fellowship.

Having originally studied Sports Science at undergraduate level in Belfast, he traveled to South Africa to work for a South African NGO who used sports and leisure programmes as a means of community development in poor and rural areas. During his time with Sports Coaches Outreach (SCORE) he implemented various programmes aimed at capacity building, womens empowerment, HIV/Aids awareness raising and bringing people together from different racial backgrounds. Initially agreeing to six months he was employed by the organization for 18 months working as a Team Leader based in Cape Town.

On return to Northern Ireland he was employed as a Community Relations Officer for a Local Government District Council. The programme aimed to bring together divided communities in the North, examining the issues of conflict and introducing projects and initiatives to increase cross community contact and mutual understanding. Spending almost four years in the post, the job involved working with a wide range of stakeholders including elected members, the police and statutory agencies, young people and local community groups.

Prior to his arrival in Australia, Ryan also spent three months with a World Council of Churches Human Rights programme in Israel and Palestine. Volunteers with the programme work with Israeli and Palestinian peace groups, live in vulnerable communities and monitor the litany of checkpoints throughout the West Bank in what was a very challenging yet rewarding experience.



A keen Rugby Union enthusiast, he has enjoyed the sporting culture of Australia and emphasis on the outdoor life which the climate in Ireland doesn't quite allow! He has been kindly hosted and supported by the Rotary Club of Toowong during his time in Brisbane and would like to thank the wider Rotary family, University community and friends for their support particularly since his accident in February.

Ryan enjoys working with communities and would like to expand this further with a career in the Police service. Being strongly influenced by his experience of the security forces growing up in Northern Ireland, he has an interest in community policing, working with diversity, counter terrorism and peacekeeping.



## EMILY TODD

*Rotary Club of Attica-Williamsport, Indiana, District 6560, USA*

Emily Todd is originally from Indianapolis, Indiana where she is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Attica-Williamsport. During her time in Queensland, she has been fortunate to receive the support of her host counsellor, Fran Hamwood, and the Rotary Club of Ashgrove-The Gap.

Emily received her undergraduate degree from The College of Wooster, where she majored in International Relations and Spanish. Prior to her arrival in Brisbane, she worked for two and a half years as a community educator with Proyecto Generando Vida, a grassroots NGO in Managua, Nicaragua. She also has experience working with immigrant advocacy groups, refugee resettlement and support programmes and the Peace and Social Justice Institute of Catholic Charities.



Emily completed her Applied Field Experience with IOM (International Organisation for Migration) in Accra, Ghana. While in Ghana she worked with a number of programmes, including the counter child-trafficking programme, the labour migration policy development programme, and the assisted voluntary return and reintegration programme for stranded and vulnerable migrants. The internship with IOM provided Emily with a renewed passion for working within the field of international migration, a field that she hopes to return to upon completion of the fellowship.

She is deeply grateful for all the support that she has received from Rotary, both in Queensland and in Indiana, as well as the faculty and staff of The University of Queensland. Additionally, she gives thanks for friendship and for the opportunity to share this amazing experience with her inspirational colleagues, the fellows of Class V, VI, and VII.

## **TAMARA TURCAN**

*Rotary Club of Maassluis, District 1600, The Netherlands*

Tamara Turcan holds an MA in education. Her desire to study further comes from her professional experiences and aspirations to help those in need. Prior to becoming a Rotary World Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland Tamara has been working for different governmental and non governmental organisations conducting democratic and educational programs throughout her home country, Moldova.



Her initiatives are particularly pertinent for Moldova, which confronts with many international security challenges including the existence of a separatist region in the south-east of the country. Tamara has been involved in a number of projects which aimed to address many of the issues existing in this region, such as limited access to information, vulnerable civil society and a fragile communication process with Moldova. She is convinced that her modest efforts will ultimately contribute to significant changes in such a divided society.

Tamara completed her Applied Field Experience in Pokhara, Nepal where she worked with the social integration forum for working children CHILDREN-Nepal. She worked directly with children and with their families with practical activities, helping them to break away from the effects of discrimination, exploitation and violence based on caste, disability, gender and social status.

She believes the world can be made a better place by fostering independence and democratic development by advancing education and research, cultivating leadership, and empowering individuals and institutions through learning. Her long term career goal is to become an effective advocate for social interests; collaborate with international aid agencies and organizations in order to improve the lives of children around the world and promote greater tolerance and cooperation among people leading to world understanding and peace.



## **JANELLE WEISSMAN**

*Rotary Club of Smoky Hill, Colorado, District 5450, USA*

Janelle has twelve years' experience in fundraising, program management, Board and volunteer development, and philanthropy. Most recently, she served as Executive Director of two organisations: Social Venture Partners Boulder County (SVP), and the Rita and Harold Divine Foundation. Through SVP, Janelle facilitated grantmaking, coordinated capacity building projects, and provided training to nonprofits and donors alike to help increase their impact on communities promoting youth development and building bridges across cultures. At the Rita and Harold Divine Foundation, she worked with three generations to develop and implement a grantmaking strategy directing support to diverse nonprofits around the world, with a focus on peace and social justice. Janelle was a Colorado Trust Fellow, and received her Masters in Nonprofit Management from Regis University in Denver, Colorado, USA, in 2001.

She is a founding Board member and former Treasurer of the BlueFlower Project, which promotes and supports the election of progressive women candidates in local and state office in Colorado. She served for three years, the final year as Chair, of the Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado's Community Funding Panel, awarding hundreds of diverse nonprofits across the state with several million dollars each year, highlighting the contributions gay men and lesbians make to improve the quality of life for youth and families across the state.



Janelle was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Charleroi, Belgium from 1992-93, and a Group Study Exchange Participant in Thailand in 2004. Sponsored by Smoky Hill Rotary Club and District 5450, and hosted by Toowong Rotary Club and primary host counsellor Maida Baldwin and secondary host counsellors Bill and Diane Main, she is a Class VI Rotary World Peace Fellow.

Janelle completed her Applied Field Experience with the Conflict Transformation and Management Center of Shatil in Jerusalem, Israel. Shatil is a training and empowerment organisation offering technical assistance and consulting to strengthen grassroots social change organisations dedicated to justice and peace across Israel. While at Shatil, she helped develop a resource library for peace practitioners, and assisted with conflict transformation training for Palestinian citizens of Israel and Jewish-Israelis. Since April 2008, she has worked for the Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies at Queensland University of Technology. She is currently on a team evaluating a large-scale capacity building grantmaking project of the Sidney Myer Fund, and mapping the social enterprise sector across Australia.

Janelle would like to thank the Rotary Foundation and individual Rotarians who have made the Rotary World Peace Fellowship possible. She would also like to thank faculty and staff at the University of Queensland for a thought-provoking course of study. Lastly, Janelle would like to thank family and friends from near and far, and especially her partner, Ralf, for all of their support during her studies, easing the transition to life and studies in Brisbane.

## MARCOS ZUNINO

*Rotary Club of San Fernando, Buenos Aires, District 4820, Argentina*

Marcos Zunino was born in San Fernando, Argentina on the 25th of June 1978. He studied law at the University of Buenos Aires from where he graduated as a lawyer with a Diploma of Honour for academic excellence in 2001. After graduating, he joined a law firm specialised in insurance law before entering the Judicial Power of Buenos Aires Province where he worked in a Civil and Commercial Court for four years. He speaks Spanish, English, French and Italian.



His main area of interest in the realm of conflict resolutions lies in transitional justice. This discipline focuses on the responses generated to address the legacy of past human rights abuses with which societies emerging from conflict have to deal. In this sense, it attempts to foster accountability while engaging on wider schemes of societal reconstruction. As a result of this interest, he spent his Applied Field Experience working for the International Center for Transitional Justice in Geneva, Switzerland. During his time with the leading organisation on transitional justice, Marcos was able to attend the meetings of the Human Rights Council in the Palais des Nations – the seat of the United Nations in Geneva. In addition to this, he researched transitional justice endeavours – criminal trials and truth commissions – in different Latin American countries.

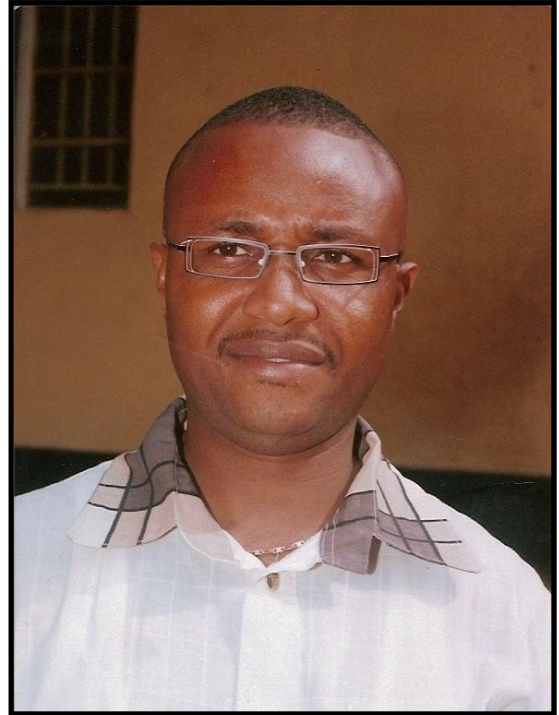
Marcos considers that the time he spent as a Rotary World Peace Fellow has been a defining experience which will enrich the rest of his life. In this regard, he is very thankful to his sponsor Rotary Club of San Fernando, to his host counsellor in Brisbane – Anne Brand -, and to the whole Rotarian community for making this dream real.

## **CLASS VII**

### **TEDDY FODAY-MUSA**

*Rotary Club of Maastricht, District 1550, The Netherlands*

Teddy Foday-Musa is a Sierra Leonean. He graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Fourah Bay College (FBC) the University of Sierra Leone. He is also a holder of a post-graduate honours Diploma in Journalism and News writing from the London School of Journalism. Teddy has worked both in The Netherlands and in his native country Sierra Leone. In 1997, he was appointed the first Peace Representative of Sierra Leone by the World Peace Prayer Society (WPPS) based in New York. Over the years, he has gathered a wealth of work experience in the areas of peace promotion, teaching, and as a development worker. In The Netherlands, he founded The West African Peace Chapter, a registered peace foundation that helped to integrate West African refugees into the Dutch society. Teddy is married with kids and has lived together with his family for eight years in The Netherlands.



### **ROSE FOLEY**

*Rotary Club of Kelvin, Glasgow, District 1230, Scotland*



Rose Foley is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kelvin in Glasgow, Scotland. Rose is a journalist with special interests in international current affairs and peace issues. She has worked as a reporter/producer for the BBC in the U.K. and East Africa, and for the CBC in Canada. In 2006 she spent a year as advocacy and communications officer for a girls' education charity in Rwanda. Rose is very grateful for the opportunity to pursue her Masters in Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland. After she has completed the course, she plans to work in radio in conflict and post-conflict areas.



## JOSEPH HONOGH

*Rotary Club of Mombasa, Mombasa, District 9200, Kenya*

In 2002, Hongoh graduated with Honours from Kenyatta University, where he specialized in Education, Literature and Linguistics. The following year, he secured an internship with the Parliament of Kenya. He was attached to the Parliamentary Committees of Education and Research; Defence and Foreign Relations; as well as Administration of National Security and Local Authorities. His main task was to support the capacity building programme of parliamentarians in policy making process.

After twelve months with the Parliament of Kenya, Mr. Hongoh joined the Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace as programme officer in charge of coordinating the activities of seven national chapters, which included Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo Kenya, Rwanda Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia. Here, he participated in several peace-building initiatives, including interethnic conflict in Rwanda and Burundi; resource-based conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the small-arms problem in eastern Uganda, northern Kenya and southern Sudan; and internal displacement and refugee problems in northern Uganda and Kenya.



He was also an observer at the peace negotiations between the Government of Uganda and the Lords Resistance Army (LRA). His most recent assignment was an analysis of the causes and effects of post election violence in Kenya as well as resettlement of victims.

## **FANNEY KARLSDOTTIR**

*Rotary Club of Reykjavik-Breidholt, Reykjavik, District 1360, Iceland*

Fanney has a BA degree in social anthropology and started her undergraduate studies as a Rotary scholar for one year in Atlanta, USA, before heading back home to complete her degree at University of Iceland. She has also studied and worked in countries like Norway, Austria, Greenland, Finland and China.

Fanney worked for the Icelandic Red Cross for 5 years as a managing director of the organisation's second largest branch in Iceland.

While working for the Red Cross, she organized various volunteer projects that benefitted people in need in Iceland as well as around the world. Fanney has also been an active volunteer within the Icelandic Red Cross and as such she managed a twinning project with a branch of the Red Cross in Mozambique. While working in China in 2004 for the Icelandic foreign service, Fanney gave birth to her son Ymir. Her son and husband, Johannes, joined Fanney to Australia and when she is not studying, they are enjoying together what they consider a great opportunity and experience to live in this part of the world.



## **DAVID KOZAR**

*Rotary Club of Manhattan, Kansas, District 5710, USA*



Prior to commencing his World Peace Fellowship at the University of Queensland, David completed undergraduate degrees in both International Studies and Spanish from Kansas State University, he later went on to complete a Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution as well.

Since 2001 David has spent much of his time working with children in post-conflict countries. He has focused his attention to divided communities throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo. David is currently serving as the Kosovo Country Coordinator and as a Board of Advisors member for Training Workshops International (TWI) for the Children. During his time in Bosnia and Herzegovina David has also worked as U.S. Coordinator for the Campaign to Arrest Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic for the Center for Balkan Development as well as producing a documentary film which focuses on the effects of protracted conflict in divided societies.



## DAVID LAMOTTE

*Rotary Club of Black Mountain, North Carolina, District 7670, USA*

In his eighteen year career as a professional musician, David LaMotte released 10 CDs and performed 2000 shows in 47 states and on 4 continents. He's also the co-founder and volunteer director of a non-profit organization, PEG Partners, which works with schools and libraries in Guatemala to fund construction and improvements, and the author of a successful children's book based on his award-winning children's song S.S. Bathtub. Because of his strong commitment to peacemaking, he has travelled in conflict zones from Bosnia to Belfast and from Hebron to Haiti, promoting intercultural understanding and seeking to learn from people on the front lines of peace work. A strong advocate for arts education, David presents classes and keynotes at schools, churches and conferences, including being the featured speaker at a Berlin peace conference and the breakfast keynote speaker at the biannual gathering of the Presbyterian Church General Assembly in 2008, and will be the keynote speaker at the 2009 Zone Eight Rotary Institute in Newcastle.



LaMotte has won numerous song writing awards, but the awards he's been proudest of recently have to do with his other passions: humanitarian work and peacemaking. As a result of his work in Guatemala, he was recently nominated as a "Hero of Humanity" in the Heifer International's publication World Ark, and has been named a Paul Harris Fellow by his home Rotary Club in Black Mountain, NC. He was also named a Madison World Changer by his alma mater, James Madison University. In 2009 LaMotte suspended his music career at its peak in order to come to U.Q. as a Rotary World Peace Fellow.

## JENEICE OLSEN

*Rotary Club of Minneapolis South, Minnesota, District 5950, USA*



Originally from Salt Lake City, Utah, Jeniece graduated from the University of Utah with a BA in Psychology in 2002 and a Masters in Social Work in 2006. Her sponsoring district is Minneapolis South 5950; her host district is Mt. Gravatt. Prior to moving to Australia, Jeniece was the Services Coordinator for a new permanent housing program serving the chronically homeless in Salt Lake City. She has over six years of experience working with the homeless both in her native country and abroad and is a licensed clinical social worker. Her background has also provided her with experience in the areas of domestic violence, substance abuse, psychotherapy, trauma treatment, and Housing First. Currently, her interest is in the area of gender as it relates to sustainable peace. In her spare time, Jeniece provides services as a doula (labor assistant).

## **PAMELA PADILLA**

*Rotary Club of Mandalyong Pasig San Juan, Pasig Metro Manila, District  
3800, Philippines*

Her life as a peace and human rights advocate began in June 2005 when she started working for the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process as a Project Development Officer for the Government of the Republic of the Philippines Monitoring Committee (GRP-MC) mandated to monitor and ensure compliance to the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL). This brought her all over the Philippines as she supervised and coordinated the project for the continuing education and information campaign for the government security forces on human rights and international humanitarian law. Aside from these, she coordinated and monitored awareness raising and capability-building efforts as part of the establishment of local monitoring bodies and peace networks. These monitoring bodies and peace networks are community-based mechanisms to help address human rights violations and provide education on peace and development strategies at the grassroots level.

Being young in the field of peace and human rights advocacy, she has undertaken various training to deepen her knowledge and skills in peace, conflict, HR and IHL. Among them, the Second Southeast and East Asian Teaching Session on International Humanitarian Law (SEATS – IHL) jointly organized by the Faculty of Law, University of Malaya and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and the Training Workshop on Monitoring and Documentation of HR and IHL violations, Peace and Conflict and Negotiation and Mediation sponsored by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, among others.

She submitted her application to the Rotary World Peace Fellowship to enable her to be a more capable and valuable peace and human rights worker, which she hopes will contribute to the Rotary's objective of advancing research, teaching, publication, and knowledge of issues, peace, goodwill, causes of conflict and world understanding.

It is now her fervent desire to make a greater person of herself by being able to do more for individuals and communities in conflict-affected areas and to empower them to work and fight for the peace they are entitled to. Furthermore, it is her desire to make a greater nation of her country by working at building and keeping an environment where individuals and communities are able to fully develop their potentials and progress freely, exercising their rights with due regard for the rights of others being equally mindful of their responsibilities. By keeping the peace in her corner of the world, it is her hope that she will be able to do her share in making this world a finer world to live in.



## **ZUZANA PETOVSKA**

*Rotary District 2240, Czech Republic and Slovak Republic*

Zuzana Petovska is from Slovak Republic, Bratislava and was sponsored by the Rotary Club in Kosice. Her host Rotary Club in Australia is Rotary Club of Goodna. Zuzana holds a Master Degree in Social Work from Comenius University in Bratislava and has been working for UNHCR since 1997. She is currently on special leave to complete her Master of International Studies at the University of Queensland under the Rotary World Peace Fellowship in Class VII.



Her professional work has focused on UNHCR operation's management in the National Office in Slovakia and for the past two years in the Regional Representation for Central Europe, located in Budapest, Hungary. Jointly with Protection Unit, she was involved in incorporating UNHCR policy priorities in regional operation plans and project descriptions. She cooperated closely with NGO implementing partners, carried out field visits and monitoring visits to the 7 countries under the Regional Representation to monitor implementation of the projects. As a committee member under Border Monitoring Project, and, Age, Gender and Diversity Participatory Assessment, she monitored Reception Refugee Centres, Detention Facilities and border points to determine the situation and the needs of persons of concern to UNHCR.



## **Class V**

### **PETER EMBERSON**

Immediately after leaving the Rotary Fellowship I was rehired by my former organisation, the Pacific Concerns Resource Center (PCRC) as the Assistant Director Human Rights, Good Governance and Self Determination. I was tasked to facilitate a Pacific regional workshop on Human Rights which was convened in Auckland NZ in August 2008. After the meeting I put together a report on the Human Rights situation in the Pacific, in it suggesting ways of bettering Pacific peoples lobby to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Pacific's pre-eminent regional institution similar to that of CARICOM or the EU). The report has been disseminated to participants and they are using for this purpose. I was with PCRC for six months until I joined the Pacific Conference of Churches as its Climate Change Campaigns Officer.

As the PCC Climate Change Officer, I am being tasked to prepare the Pacific peoples position on Climate Change and have this position lobbied into the Pacific Island Countries government position. There is an urgency for this process to be effective as the world negotiates a successor agreement to the Kyoto Protocol which will be renegotiated in Copenhagen at the end of this year.

There is much to be done. Last week following a Pacific regional meeting we came out with an ambitious Pacific document on climate change that was endorsed by all regional Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and all Pacific churches (a humbling feat if I may add). The big challenge ahead however, is our lobby of Pacific Island governments to have them situate some of our concerns, if not all, in their individual government positions. There is enormous politics involved especially given the clout Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea wields on the foreign policy of small island countries in the Pacific.

Several key states have been identified for our targeted lobby and I will be traveling to Kiribati to influence our Pacific CSO position. The other country is Tuvalu - I am not sure yet whether I will need to travel there as Tuvalu's CSOs already have a strong lobby with their government and environment ministry. These are states that stand to lose much from rising sea levels as they are now directly feeling the impacts with the loss of arable lands to the sea and contamination of their water lens - and mind you are considering the issue of relocation. I will also be accompanying Pacific delegates to the Conference of Parties (COP 15) preparatory meetings in Bonn (01-12 June, 2009), Bangkok (01-06 October, 2009) and Copenhagen (07-18 December 2009) to ensure that the Pacific Concerns are reflected in the successor document.

As you will understand it's a huge challenge trying to ensure Pacific concerns are reflected in the final global document (the international financial crisis does not help - in fact it's a great excuse to shirk off responsibilities). My humble task is to ensure that their voice is heard.

### **ANDREA FANTA**

I am currently enjoying working at Tennessee's Department of Economic & Community Development in the International Division.



## CASSIO FURTADO

I'm writing a book about current world issues for students who take the very competitive Brazilian university examinations. The book draws from my lecture series, which is on its second year now, attracting over 1,000 students per week. In these lectures, I explore many of today's topics to audiences around Brazil. I'm currently teaching 17 lectures per week at five different private prep schools. I also work as the main international commentator at two radio stations in two different cities. In them, I explore international issues and explain current news and conflicts. I have three such commentaries per week. As you see, I'm keeping busy and trying to put my fellowship skills to good use in the area of teaching and journalism, spreading a message of peace, understanding and coexistence to my students. This year I'll also prepare myself to take the Brazilian diplomatic exam next year.

## VIKAS GORA



Thanks to The Rotary Foundation which gave me an opportunity through the Rotary World Peace Fellowship that I could earn my Master of International Studies (Peace and Conflict Resolution) and it has tremendously helped me in all my endeavors since then. The courses were very well tailored to meet the present demands and with the world class professors and learning facilities, it was a great experience. Ever since my return to India in June 2008, I was invited to join as the National Focal Point in Sphere India – Unified Response Strategy (URS). Sphere India is a national coalition of humanitarian agencies in India. Its members include key nodal agencies, including the Government of India, United Nations, NGO Networks and National NGOs. Presently there are about 46 international agencies, UN and government agencies as members of Sphere India. As the National Focal Point for Sphere India – URS, I am responsible for facilitating a multi-layer inter-agency collaboration process in all the states of India, including at the national level, so as to ensure quality and accountability in humanitarian affairs and minimum standards in disaster response. My work is at the strategic level, wherein I get to interact with the national governments, agencies as well as at the State Level, so as to facilitate coordination between agencies and with the governments.

My project Unified Response Strategy is an action-based project, launched with the rationale to build common understanding among different stakeholders, for an organized and coordinated response, so as to avoid duplication of resources and gold rush during relief and response periods. I was recently coordinating inter-agency response to address the worst disaster in India in 2008, the River Kosi Floods, which had a disastrous effect in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Assam, leaving 3.2 million displaced and over 1 million feared dead and missing. The URS initiative through the Inter-Agency Group (IAG) Platform was able to bring all the agencies together for an organized relief and response planning and to chalk out common implementation strategies and plan of action, which received wide recognition at the national & state level.

This is about my work and I am happy that my AFE at the UNCRD Disaster Management and Planning Hyogo Office, Kobe, Japan and my interaction with the International Recovery Platform, Kobe, has given me an international perspective and strengthened my tenacity of purpose to think globally and to act locally.

I thank every single Rotarian who believed and invested in me and I am sure that I am able to realize their dreams through my work with the most vulnerable communities in India.



## RITA GONZALES

She is not married (yet). So no kids (yet). She is currently working at Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) (this is in Atlanta, GA) as a Research Associate. Specifically working on a civil-military project with the US Army. The goal of the program is to provide key decision-makers with socio-cultural knowledge of the areas of operation to reduce lethal courses of action and help identify non-lethal forms of conflict resolution.



## SHEUNESU HOVE

Sheunesu Hove is a Rotary World Peace Fellow Class V graduate from the University of Queensland. He is now working in Zimbabwe as a Projects and Training Officer with the Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa (CPIA) in Harare. He is responsible for new projects in the organisation and all the training. For instance he is spearheading the regionalization of CPIA programmes and as a result he has recently visited countries like Botswana, South Africa and Malawi. He is also the programme officer for the National Reconciliation, Social Cohesion and Transitional Justice program. This is a national program aimed at addressing past injustices, national healing, social cohesion and reconciliation. The target group of this programme is the victims and survivors of past atrocities like the 1980s atrocities, election related violence and Operation Murambatsvina (meaning Operation Remove the Filthy). This program works with the grassroots where we seek the truth, visit and talk to victims and survivors, hold dialogue workshops where people share their predicaments, experiences and feelings. All these efforts are meant to inform and influence national healing framework that the all inclusive government is putting in place through its three cabinet ministers responsible for national reconciliation.

Since joining CPIA in November 2008, Sheunesu has participated in the SADC mediated Zimbabwe Peace Process that resulted in the formation of the all inclusive government. Particularly he was part of the CPIA delegation that attended the crucial Pretoria SADC Summit and the African Union Summit in February, where the timetable for the formation of the all inclusive government in Zimbabwe was put in place. Currently, together with Cecilia Nedziwe (Class V peace fellow from UQ), Sheunesu is leading a team to Monitor the Malawi elections in May. He has also represented CPIA in quite a number of meetings, seminars and conferences, notably the recent Government and Civil Society Summit held in Harare.

Sheunesu is using his experience in peace building and conflict transformation to establish a think tank within CPIA focusing on research and policy analysis and advice in the social and economic areas. He has written several articles and papers on issues such as civil society and the state, gender and conflict management and the impediments to the success of the all inclusive government in Zimbabwe.

## CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Christopher Moore is the International Resource Manager for Apropos International

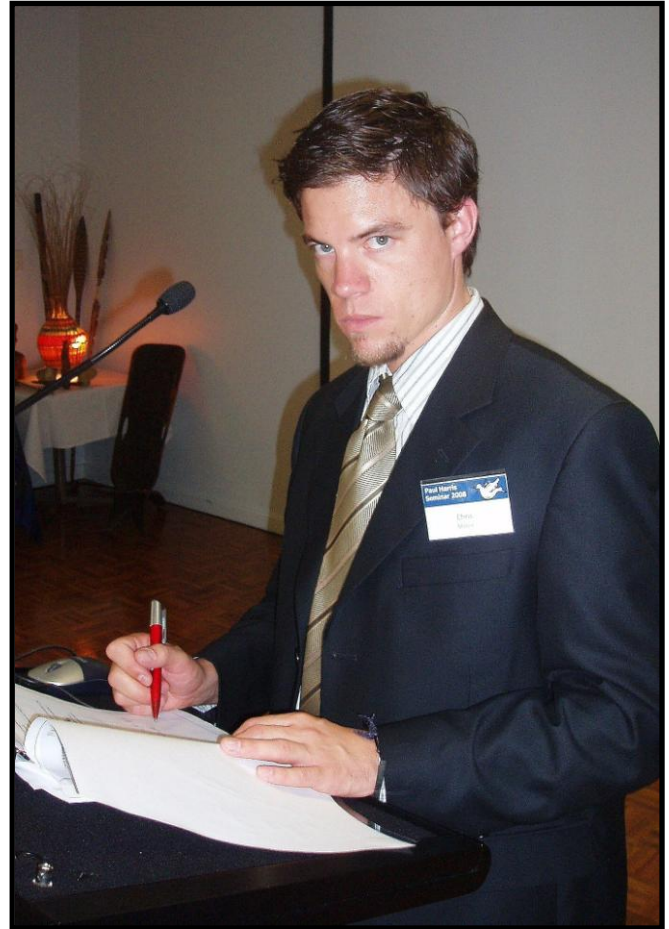
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. His work is mostly in development in Peru at the moment. He was scheduled to lead a Habitat for Humanity trip to Madagascar in April but due to the political unrest there the trip was cancelled. He will be leading a trip to Thailand in September 2009.

Besides that, Chris is involved in freelance activities: He has recently finished editing a documentary he filmed in December titled "Dumpster Wars" ([www.DumpsterWars.com](http://www.DumpsterWars.com)) it will premier at the Telluride Mountain Film Festival this May. Chris will screen it and give a lecture on the concept at DefCon, the world's biggest hacking convention, in Las Vegas in August. He is also the Project Manager for the AmericAlien camp at Burning Man--presently coordinating about a hundred artist, freaks, and outliers to throw the best party at the best festival on the planet.

(TT: not sure this is appropriate :))

The Fellowship & UQ helped him to clarify his interests, explore new geographies, develop fresh ways of thinking--you walk away from the experience with a different sense of what you're going to do to change the world.



## VILLE-VEIKKO PITKÄNEN

I work for the Civilian Crisis Management Centre Finland (CMC Finland). The CMC Finland is responsible of all the training and recruitment of the Finnish civilian crisis management experts. My duty here in the centre's R&D sector is linked to civil-military coordination in crisis management. At the moment -- focusing specifically on the implementation of the UN Resolution 1325 on "Women, Peace and Security" in all facets of CMC Finland activities. In addition to the research, providing support to the other CMC Finland sections -- recruiting and training of civilian crisis management experts working around the world.

The Fellowship certainly developed my thoughts regarding the domain of peace and security. The time spent at th UQ provided me with many theoretical tools which help me now in my work. The UQ staff and the UQ facilities offered to me a top-rated environment of learning. I was lucky to extra-lucky to be able to study in Australia.



## CECELIA LWIINDI NEDZIWE

After completing her Rotary World Peace Fellowship at the University of Queensland, Cecilia returned to Harare, Zimbabwe, where she has been working for the Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa (CPIA) – as Director of Operations and Programme Officer under the Governance Programme. She assists the Executive Director and the Deputy in the running of all CPIA activities under operations. These activities have ranged from coordination of all CPIA programmes, to preparing of CPIA plans, budgets, funding proposals to the supervision of the maintenance of relevant network database and resource files.

Zimbabwe has been through a turbulent period for the past eight years. The challenges have been too numerous - politically, socially and economically. Through the various programmes of CPIA, Cecilia has worked tirelessly with other officers in facilitating national dialogue platforms to deliberate on issues that have ranged from the Inter-Party Agreement signed in September 2008 and its Implications on Good Governance; to the SADC Mediation Process on Zimbabwe. She has also conducted research on various issues and continues to work with the youth in Zimbabwe under the Centre's culture of peace programme aimed at inculcating a culture of peace and reducing politically motivated violence.

Furthermore, Cecilia together with Sheunesu Hove had an opportunity to facilitate a Regional Youth Training Workshop on Leadership, Peace & Conflict Resolution. This workshop provided a platform to interact with youths from countries such as Kenya, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Uganda and share knowledge and skills in peace and conflict resolution.

Despite that Cecilia's schedule has been extremely busy from the time she joined CPIA in September 2008, she has taken time to attend and speak at the Rotary Club of Hunyani and the Rotary Club of Harare West Meetings and shared her experiences during her stay in Brisbane. She also visited the Rotary Elephant Water Pump project in Mashonaland West Province in Zimbabwe. The project aims to provide various communities with clean water and healthy herbal gardens. She specifically visited five schools Mupamombe, Kwayedze, Montana, Dalny I and Dalny II in Chakari and Kadoma. Cecilia's overall impression was that the rotary project is critical and vital given the level of humanitarian crisis in the country. The cholera pandemic not only spread to the various neighbouring countries but it killed a number of Zimbabweans and devastated a number of families. This project is making a difference and serving many lives and vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe. After the visit, Cecilia produced a report that was forwarded to the rotary club of Drobak in Norway coordinating the funding of this project. She has since been very pleased to learn that Rotarians will be expanding the project to reach out to many Zimbabweans.





## KRISTEN POST

This photo is of Kristin Post and her host counselor Ken Morgan at a Chapel Hill Rotary Club meeting.

November 2008

Kristin has very recently accepted a position as a Social Science Researcher with the US government. After she trains with the Army for four months in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, she will be deployed to either Iraq or Afghanistan. There, she will use the knowledge and skills she learned at the University of



Queensland to assist in relations between the US Army and local populations. From October to April, Kristin lived in her native Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and enjoyed reuniting her counsellor Ken Morgan and her host District 7710. Prior to that, she spent several months in Richmond, VA with her beautiful, smiling, incredible niece Kathryn, or "Katy-bird," who will turn a year old in May. Kristin was very happy to reunite with her entire family, but she left a bit of her heart in Australia. When she departed Brisbane after graduating, she was so upset, she cried on the plane. She told her fellow passenger that she was probably one of the few people who has ever felt sad before arriving in Fiji. She will always remember her days as a Rotary Peace Fellow with the utmost fondness and gratitude.

## Class IV

### LEAH AYLWARD

Most recently, Leah Aylward was awarded a University of Queensland Research Scholarship and a University of Queensland International Research Award and commenced her doctoral studies in July 2008. She is currently working on her research project entitled: *Development and Violence: rethinking the analytical framework*. Soon, she will be headed to Colombia and Guatemala to do fieldwork for her project. She also works in the School of Political Science and International Studies as a research assistant and as a tutor.



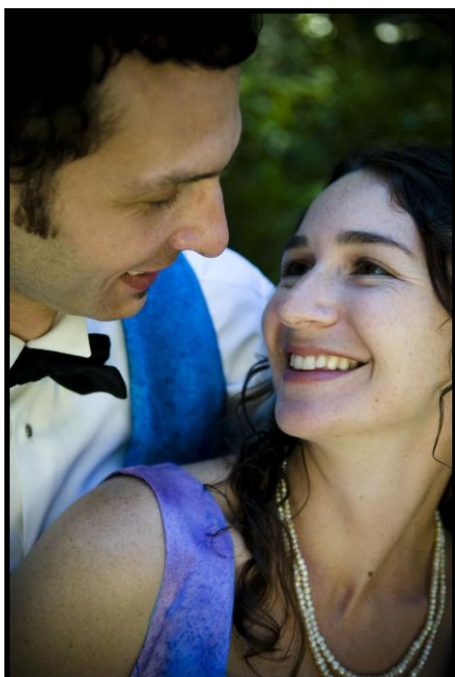
## JOHN FOSTER

I was class IV and I am currently a first year student at Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, Tennessee. I will be working at the US State Department in their Peacekeeping, Sanctions and Counter-terrorism Office, which oversees the US contribution to the UN's DPKO.



## MAYUMI FUTUMARA

I am working as a lecturer with the School of Journalism and Communication. This semester, I am the course coordinator for COMU2009 Reporting Religion. It is a brand new course and I designed it from scratch this past summer. The issues in Reporting Religion are deeply related to conflicts and violence around the world, and I am very passionate and excited about the topic. I have also submitted my application for PhD, and I am expected to start it soon. My research project is to articulate Journalism that embodies the philosophy of Buddhism. It is in search of Peace Journalism.



## MNEESHA GELLMAN

Mneesha Gellman (RWPF Class IV) is finishing her first year of a PhD in Political Science at Northwestern University, Chicago, USA, just a stone's throw from the Rotary Foundation's headquarters. Mneesha and Josh Dankoff (MA, UQ 2007) married in July, 2008. Mneesha is researching the impact of genocide on democratization processes in Cambodia and El Salvador, and Josh is in law school, where he focuses on international human rights and immigration.

## **SALLIE LACY**

After I finished at UQ, I married a German journalist in Byron Bay and then moved to Frankfurt with him! I immediately started about the task of learning some German in hopes of finding gainful employment, which much to my delight and surprise was a success, as I managed to get a job at the GTZ in their Climate Protection Program for developing countries. The GTZ provides technical cooperation for international development programs sponsored by the German government.

I started on July 1, 2008 and have been working on a variety of interesting issues, including trying to establish a foothold for our program in the area of gender as it related to climate change. I also work on the development of a tool called the "Climate Check" that the GTZ is using to test whether or not its projects are both prepared to adapt to climate change as well as contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases. I will head to Nicaragua on Friday to conduct a training for GTZ colleagues in Latin America interested in the new tool!

Incidentally, our team also works on issues of climate and security, which allows me to draw on the wealth of information that I absorbed during my time at UQ!



## **ÓLÖF MAGNÚSDÓTTIR**

Works for UNICEF Iceland. She is also a member of the Icelandic Crisis Response Unit (the Icelandic peacekeepers).



## AKIKO OKUDAIRA



Akiko currently works for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan as a Research Analyst on South East Asian affairs, mainly engaged in issues related to Myanmar/Burma and its neighbouring countries. One of the most significant and unforeseen concerns that arose in the region over the past year was the devastating cyclone 'Nargis' that hit Myanmar. While her work keeps providing her with several new challenges, Akiko feels grateful for the every new insight that she gains through them. Akiko is also serving as a committee member of the 'Rotary Fellows Tokyo' – an alumni association that brings together the past and present Rotary fellows residing in Tokyo area – where she enjoys being part of the inspiring circle of Rotary community beyond generations.

## ROBERT OPIRA

I am in Uganda and i started The Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution which at the moment is working in Northern Uganda to rebuild the region after 22 years of violent armed conflicts. Our major areas of work include: Conflict research and advocacy, Capacity building for NGOs in Peace and Conflict Resolution, Democracy and Good Governance, Cross-border and cross-ethnic peace and reconciliation dialogues.

This is where I have devoted all my effort and time and so far it is going on well and i like the challenges.

I am also a Rotarian and incoming secretary (2009-2010) in Rotary Club of Gulu in Uganda (District 9200).



## VADIM OSTROVSKY

Vadim has been accepted into the Duke's University Fuqua School of Business. He will begin his MBA studies in August of 2009. His concentration will be in managing the non-profit companies.

## AMANDA RADER



I am writing to you from Quetzaltenango, Guatemala where I'm working as a co-leader for an NGO called Carpe Diem International. Carpe Diem is an experiential education organization run out of Portland, OR. They offer 3-month semesters abroad for youth, generally aged 18-21, to India, Southeast Asia, East Africa, the South Pacific, South America, and Central America. Last fall I co-led a journey with nine students to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia, and this semester

I'm mentoring six students as we travel through Central America-- to Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras. We journey together engaging in service projects, language classes, trekking through natural wonders, and cultural immersion, with the underlying goal being to encourage the students to push their comfort zones and explore themselves and their relationship with the global community. I have and continue to witness inspiring transformations in the youth from digging into deeper questions of life and our relationships to other cultures. We frequently explore issues of peace, justice, and the complex nature of 'development'. I am grateful to be involved with this line of work because I have immense faith that facilitating youth to explore and deepen contributes to their more respectful and thoughtful interactions in the world.

The attached picture is of our recent visit to the Mayan ruins of Tikal in northern Guatemala...

I continue to cherish and learn from friendships cultivated during the Peace Fellowship, and remain ever grateful to Rotary for all they are and do. There are plenty of Rotary wheels in Quetzaltenango, marking our common understanding of the interdependent nature of our world. Thank you, and all the best...

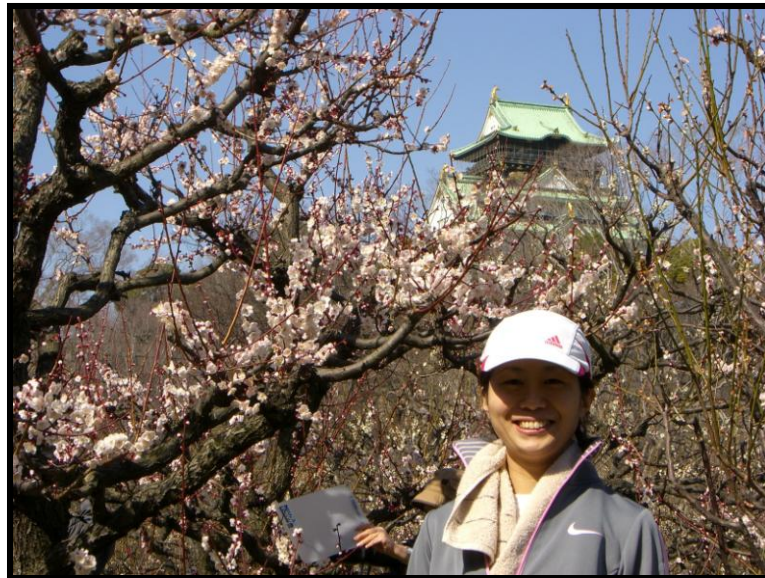
Perth Rosen

Today I work as a research associate at the University of California, San Diego with the Division of Global Public Health. The division does research on at risk populations for HIV and co-infection around the world but mostly along the US/Mexico border. I am currently coordinating research in Tijuana with Intravenous Drug Users and in Nuevo Laredo and Ciudad Hidalgo with truck drivers and Sex-Workers.



## **ETSUKO TERANISHI**

Well, currently I am based in Osaka, Japan and I am working as a Training Officer for the JICA (Japanese International Cooperation Agency) Technical Training Program, which is focused on human resource development and capacity building for developing countries. I will be going to the Rotary International Convention in June in Birmingham for promoting the Rotary Center in UQ.



## **MJ VUINOVICH**

I am currently the Workforce Development Coordinator for the International Rescue Committee in Tucson, Arizona. We are an international NGO that assists with the resettlement of refugees in the United States and beyond. Much of my efforts are focused on Iraqis and Afghanis who were granted refugee status because of their close association with the U.S. missions. For that reason, they found their lives in grave danger.

As of August 2009, I will be attending Law School at the University of Arizona.





## **Class III**

### **LARISSA BRUUN**

We moved to Lao PDR last August; and are enjoying life here a lot (in the photo in our little, organic garden). Dao betters the world through work with a Lao NGO - The Buddhism for Development Project (BDP) - with their grassroots leadership training programme, community initiatives such as organic farming, media and publications as well as a youth volunteer group. BDP is one of the few expressions of local civil society in a country where there are no national NGOs yet! Larissa has a position with FAO - the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's Representation in Laos - and works mainly with issues such as the chronic malnutrition in Laos as well as gender. We are also expecting a peace baby to join our family - due date the days before your seminar in May! Larissa spoke at the Institute that was organized in Finland last October and was after the Institute made honorary Rotarian of my sponsor club, Kurikka in Finland! Best to our dear Brissie and to everyone who still remembers us! Cheers, sunshine and peace.



### **KARLA CASTELLANOS**

After her time as a Peace Fellow, Karla worked as a Senior Architectural Designer for Parsons Brinckerhoff in Singapore. She has since relocated to Sydney where she works in regional community development and urban regeneration projects.

### **PEDRO DELGADO**

I am currently working as first secretary and head of the Consular Section in the Embassy of Peru in Switzerland.

### **ALLESSANDRO DE CARVALHO SOUZA**

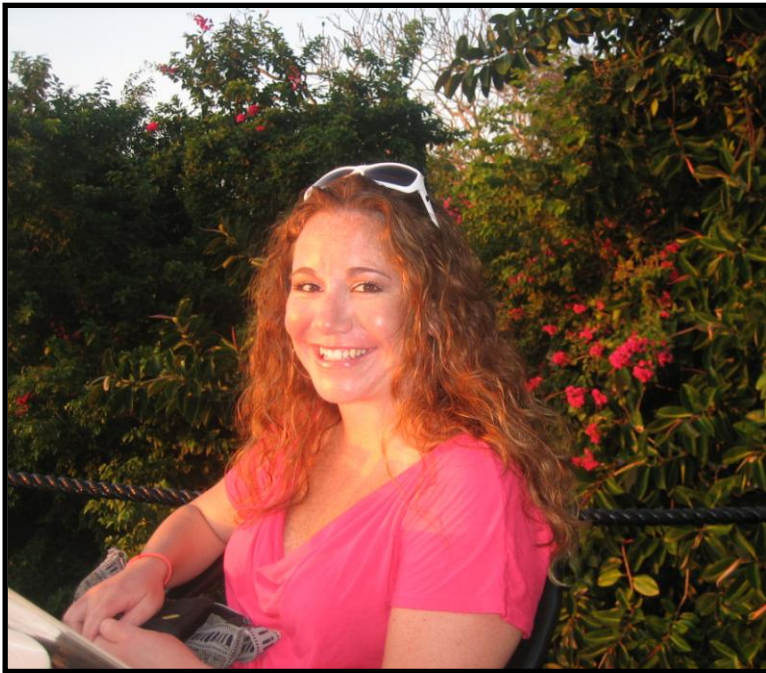


At the moment I am working as a corporate lawyer for Rodobens Group in the city of Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil. Rodobens is a holding of 48 companies who operates one of the most successful agreed dealers for Mercedes Bens, Toyota and Volkswagen cars and trucks in Brazil. Rodobens operates in all 27 states of the federation and other companies of the group includes the first corporate TV Channel of Brazil (for training purposes and communication with employees and business partners), a building company, insurance broker, a bank and customs brokerage company. Unfortunately I am not working as Peacebuilding practitioner but for sure I hope one day to go to the field not to come back to the legal practice again.

## **JUDE EWING**

Studying at UQ in combination with work experience has seen Jude go on to be a successful mediator and special branch advisor to a United Nations Association. Currently in the UK, he is considering furthering his education by way of PhD.

## **CAITLIN FITZPATRICK**



Recently I have been traveling, volunteering and trying to find pieces of peace all around me in our wonderful community. Last year I spent a great deal of time working on the presidential campaign speaking to constituents all over the state and trying to engage populations that had not previously been engaged in the political process. I have been working with local immigrant and refugee populations helping to ensure a peaceful, purposeful and dual process of integration in Colorado.

## **ARIK GUTLER-OFIR**

Well, I am in Israel now, which is not the best place to be if you are a peace lover, but certainly a challenge for conflict transformations optimists. My family and I live in the North part of the country, right next to the Lebanese border, in which the inhabitants, half Jews and half Arabs, share few characteristic: high percentage of unemployment, living in a war zone and experiencing ethnic tension.

I am putting my effort on two theatrical paths: I am coordinating a theatre project which joins together Jewish and Arab high schools. My Arab students are the first Arabs in Israel who can study and finish high school specializing in theatre, while working together with Hebrew speaking youth for final stage tests. My other focus is on establishing a Theatre Centre for Social Justice, which produces plays and offers theatre workshops and lectures on issues that look at Justice through the lens of ethnicity, gender and poverty.



## LEAH KLASS

Since my time in Brissie, I have done extensive volunteering with Rotary. I have participated in the ambassadorial scholar orientations and selection committee. I have spoken about the Peace Fellowship at many Rotary Clubs in the area, and I have also been a speaker at the District 5450 Conference (2008). I am considering becoming a Rotarian myself and plan to keep up my involvement in local clubs.

I am now living and working in Denver, Colorado. I spent a year and a half working for the State of Colorado helping companies export their products and services to South America. I now have my own consulting firm. I work on projects in international business and I am developing programs that will teach the networking and communication skills that are necessary to build peace. I'm also doing a bit of writing. There are many Australian mining firms here in Colorado and I have had a chance to meet Aussies through my work in that sector. I have one large golden retriever and poodle mix named George, and we go hiking in the beautiful Rocky Mountains frequently. (The pug in the photo belongs to a neighbor.)



## SANTOSH MEHRA

I am currently working as an Inspector General of the Anti-corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, India.

## GODFREY MUKALAZI

In relation to the subject matter, you could aware that I and Robert Opira founded the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution (GLACCR). We are still in the embryonic stage and working hard to make use of our expertise to contribute to peace building and conflict resolution in Northern Uganda.



Our humble request to you as you present at the Paul Harris Seminar is to inform the Rotary fraternity in Australia that we are looking for partners (Rotary Clubs and District) to implement projects in our line of speciality. We can access TRF Matching Grants with such partnerships in collaboration with local Rotary Clubs in Uganda.

Our website is under design  
[www.glaccr.net](http://www.glaccr.net)



## **MARIA FERNANDA SALINA**

PhD candidate in international studies with specialization in international law at IHEID (Institut de Hautes Etudes Internationales et du Développement, Université de Genève).

## **MAIKO SHIMIZU**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, where her focus is research on East Timor's economic situation and its prospects; Supporting the provision of electoral assistance from the Japanese government, and working on her own research project on social integration of urban unemployed youth in East Timor.

## **SUKTHAWEE SUWANNACHAIROP**

The Rotary program provided an excellent foundation as I now teach peace and conflict resolution at La Universidad Americana in Nicaragua.

## **Class II**

## **BRIAN ADAMS**

Currently employed as a Research officer for the Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice, and Governance at Griffith University. He is also a PhD student at University of Queensland.

## **YOSHIO CHIKAMATSU**

I am a project consultant, Shin Nihon & Co, working on international development projects.

## **MARIANO GRIVA**

Mariano was hoping to get back home to Buenos Aires but jumped on the wrong plane and found himself in the middle of the New Guinean rain-forest working for Jesuit Refugee Service in the PNG-Indonesian border area. Although based in Kiunga most of his work is in the border area where there are 20 refugee settlements. His work involves visiting the refugees and undertaking advocacy and protection for refugees. He will be back in Brisbane to continue his PhD at the end of this year once he finds the right plane.



## SANJANA HATTOTUWA

Senior researcher at the Centre for Policy Alternatives and head of Information Communications Technology (ICT) and Peacebuilding at InfoShare, both based in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Having lived and worked in violent conflict his entire life, Hattotuwa explores issues related to peacebuilding, conflict transformation and the use of technology and new media in peace processes and is recognised for his work in furthering online dispute resolution (ODR) and citizen journalism for peace.

## NOELLE DEPAPE


Executive director of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba ([www.ircom.ca](http://www.ircom.ca)). IRCOM provides transitional housing as well as social services (ie: recreation, literacy and family programming) to newly arrived refugees in the City of Winnipeg. It houses 67 families and seeks to facilitate their integration of into their new Canadian environment through subsidized housing and support programming.

## JOSEPHINE MANUEL-BAHUL

RWPF Josephine B. Manuel-Bahul, Class II, UQ

After the Fellowship, RWPF alumna Josephine B. Manuel-Bahul (Class 2, UQ) worked for the Senate of the Philippines in the Committee on Peace, Unification, and Reconciliation under Senator Edgardo J. Angara. At present, she is with the University of Baguio as Director of the Media Affairs and Publications. She is a regular resource person on peace and community development topics lecturing to different universities and organizations in the area.

She is also actively involved in the community outreach activities of her sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Baguio North.



RWPF alumna Josephine B. Manuel (Class 2, UQ) lectures to cadets of the Philippine Military Academy on conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

Some Reactions from the students:

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## COLIN SPURWAY

After managing peace-building and development programs for international charities in South and Central Asia, Spurway now works for the BBC World Service Trust in London as a manager for international development projects in Bangladesh.

## **Class I**

### **MATTHEW BRIGHT**

My only update is the arrival of Emmett William last November (with big sister Onora). I am continuing with my pursuit of a PhD at the University of Queensland.



### **FRANCESCA DEL MESE**

Consultancy work for UNICEF in Sudan.

### **CAROLYN FANELLI**

I am still working with Catholic Relief Services in Harare. My current position is OVC and HIV Sector Coordinator (OVC stands for orphans and vulnerable children). I also spent the past three months serving as the country program's cholera reponse team manager.

### **RYAN HENDY**

Ryan is a Senior analyst for the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada. Their mandate is to detect and deter money laundering and terrorist financing by providing financial intelligence to law enforcement in military/relief/peacekeeping affairs. Ryan is also an infantry section commander for the Canadian Forces Army Reserve.



## **PATH HEANG**

I was with The World Bank for almost three years, but my contract came to an end in April 2008. Right after that I immediately joined UNDP. I am now in UNDP's Access to Justice Project - also in Cambodia. Access to Justice Project aims to promote access to justice for the country's most marginalized groups (women, ethnic groups, rural poor) by providing free of charge dispute resolution services and mechanisms using alternative dispute resolution (ADR). The project also works to prevent conflict at grassroots communities by raising awareness on certain issues affecting rural poor, capacity building on ADR skills, and empowering the poor to make their voice heard.

It is worth noting that Cambodia's legal and judicial system is weak at best, and corrupt, biased, and politicized at worst. As many of you might have heard that even the Khmer Rouge tribunal (currently going on) is dominated by corruption and scandal. In such circumstances, the need for ADR is extremely high.

I manage one of the project's components which works on capacity building on conflict prevention & ADR, raising awareness and the empowerment of the women.

I was fortunate to win the award for UQ International Alumnus of the Year in 2008.



## **AMY KAY**

Amy currently works as a Senior technical advisor for CEPDA, a member of the UNAIDS Regional Resource Group, developing a series of leadership trainings across the Arab Region. CEDPA is a non-profit organization that improves the lives of women and girls in developing countries. Amy is developing a proposal for overall AIDS strategy in South Sudan. Amy is also a lead consultant with the UNDP in South Sudan, where she supports a number of HIV-related interventions on behalf of the UN DDR program and the South Sudan AIDS Secretariat.

## **SOFIA KNOCHEL LEDBERG**

Pursuing doctoral studies in political science at Uppsala University in Sweden. Her research project focuses on the professionalization of the Chinese People's Liberation Army and the consequences this process has for the role of the military in Chinese society.

## **REBECCA MILLIGAN**

Rebecca Milligan plays violin and co-writes songs with her band The Wishing Well, a folk band from Melbourne, Australia.

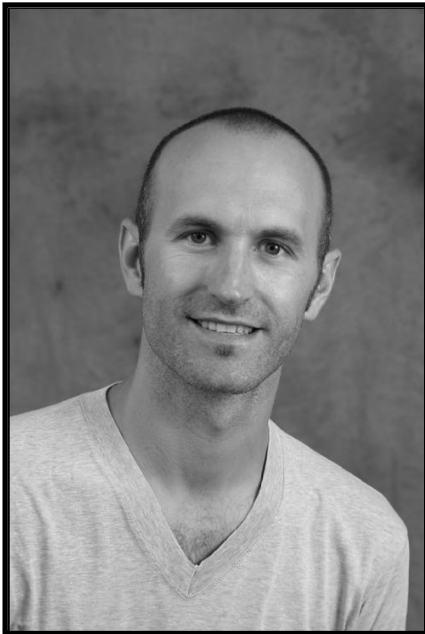
## **CHRISTIAN OAKES**

Works for the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He is usually posted at disaster sites, helping with temporary housing operations.

## SUPPORTING TEAM

### DR RICHARD DEVETAK

Director, Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict studies resolution



Richard Devetak is senior lecturer in International Relations and Director of the Rotary centre for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland. He

completed his BA and MA degrees at Monash University (Australia), his PhD at Keele University (UK) and lectured at Manchester and Warwick universities in the UK before returning to Monash University. He is co-author with Scott Burchill, Andrew Linklater, Matthew Paterson, Chris Reus Smit and Jacqui True of *Theories of International Relations, fourth Edition* (Palgrave, 2009), and co-editor of three recent books: Richard Devetak, Jim George and Anthony Burke, *An Introduction to International Relations* (Cambridge University Press, 2007), Richard Devetak and Christopher Hughes, *The Globalization of Political Violence* (Routledge, 2008) and Alex Bellamy, Roland Bleiker, Sara Davies and Richard Devetak, *Security and the War on Terror* (Routledge, 2008).

Richard's current research interests include: 1) the history of international political thought, 2) international law, the laws of war and humanitarian intervention, 3) 'new wars,' the changing character of warfare and the globalisation of violence, and 4) the impact of terrorism, torture and states of exception on international society. He has also published on contemporary theoretical debates in international relations, theories of the state, justice and globalisation, as well as foreign policy, refugees and national identity in the Australian context.

### KELLY PARISH

Administrative Officer, Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict studies resolution

Kelly Parish is the Student Enquires Officer at the School of Political Science and International Studies and is the administrative support behind the Rotary World Peace Centre at the University of Queensland. Kelly arrived in the school in January 2008 having recently moved to Brisbane from Adelaide. Kelly provides advanced administrative support to the Director of the School's Rotary Centre which includes administering the "Applied Field Work Experience" program, organising orientations, inductions and welcome events for new fellows, answering queries and advising potential scholars of application processes and admission procedures, assisting with the coordination of site visits and acting as the contact person for administrative queries for past, current and future fellows. Kelly enjoys the school so much that she is not only a member of staff but is also a student studying towards the Graduate Certificate in Governance and Public Policy.





## **ESPEN MALMBERG**

Rotary Centers Senior Coordinator and Rotary Centers Specialist



Espen Malmberg supervises the Rotary World Peace Fellowship program at the Rotary Foundation in the United States. Espen has experience in coordinating peace fellows at different centers, in processing applications and in program development.

A native of Norway, Espen holds a Masters from the University of Bradford, in the United Kingdom. A talented tennis player, Espen speaks Danish, French, Norwegian, Spanish and Swedish.

## **JUDY MAGUB**

Host Area Coordinator for the Rotary World Peace Fellows Program

Judy has been a Rotarian for 18 years. She was Club President in 1995 and District Governor in 2000. She has held many District and international positions including Australian Chair for Rotary Public Relations, Member of the international committee for Major Gifts to the Rotary Foundation for the Rotary Centres, 2008 Training leader for the District Governors in Australia and New Zealand, District 9600 Membership Chairman and Member of the Birmingham 2009 International Convention Promotion Committee

Judy is a Paul Harris Fellow and has received the Rotary Service Above Self Award. She has a background in nursing and health care and was the Brisbane City Counselor for Toowong Ward for 13 years until her retirement in 2007.

