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# *THE FUTURE OF PEACE IS IN YOUR HANDS*

## Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar

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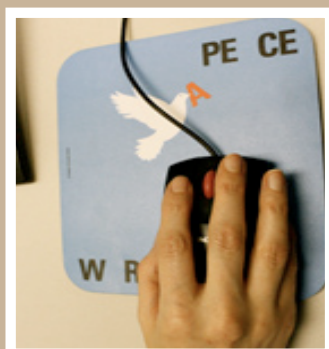


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Recipients of the Rotary Peace Fellowship share their experiences as students of International Studies, Peace and Conflict Resolution at UQ



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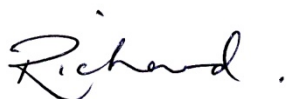
Welcome to the University of Queensland's seventh annual Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar, formerly known as the Paul Harris Seminar. We are delighted that you are able to join us on this important occasion where Class VII Rotary Peace Fellows present their research to a broad audience of Rotarians, academics and the general public. Class VIII 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 six intakes of Peace Fellows have completed their studies and are applying what they learned throughout the world. The Class VII 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 Rotary 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.



Dr. Richard Devetak  
Director of the University of Queensland Rotary Centre for International Studies in  
peace and conflict resolution

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## Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar 2010 Program

8:30 am      *Registration*

9am          *Launch*

Michael Williams - Director, The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, UQ

Dr Richard Devetak - Director Rotary Peace Centre, UQ

Judy Magub - Host Area Coordinator Rotary Peace Centres Program

*Rotary Peace Fellows - Welcome*

9:40am      Session 1

*Keeping a Promise: Establishing a NGO in Sierra Leone*

Teddy Foday-Musa, Sierra Leone

*Entering into their Hearts and Minds: Applied Fieldwork Experience in the Tiwi Islands*

Zuzana Petovska, Slovakia

10:35am    *Morning Tea*

11:05am    Session 2

*How can it be their business? Private companies as partners in Peacebuilding*

Fanney Karlsdóttir, Iceland

*Images of Conflict: Challenges of Working in the Field*

David Kozar, USA

12 noon     *Lunch*

1pm          Session 3

*Rediscovering Africa: A New Perspective*

Joseph Hongoh, Kenya

*Through Which Lens? News Media and Asylum Seekers*

Jeniece Olsen, USA and Rose Foley, Scotland

2:20pm      *Afternoon Tea*

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## Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar 2010 Program

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| 2:50pm | Session 4   |
|        | <i>Building Paths to Peace: Community Peacebuilding in the Philippines</i><br>Pamela Padilla, Philippines |
|        | <i>From Tikal to the Taj Mahal: How Change Happens</i><br>David LaMotte, USA                              |
| 3:50pm | <i>Questions and Fellows' Closing</i>   |
|        | <i>Rotary Closing and presentation of certificates</i>  |
| 5pm    | <i>Close</i>  |



# Class VII

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## Teddy Foday-Musa

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

Teddy Foday-Musa is a Sierra Leonean. He graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) 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 (LSJ)* in the United Kingdom (UK).

Teddy has worked for Peace and Good-governance 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 Peace promotion, Good-governance and Community development projects. He has also worked with refugees and migrant communities. His volunteer activities are a credible aspect of his work experience. He is currently working as a volunteer with the Multicultural Development Association (MDA) in Brisbane.



Teddy did his three-month internship project in Ghana, in partial fulfilment of his Masters Degree program at UQ. He worked with the 'West Africa Network for Peacebuilding' (WANEP) in Accra. WANEP is a not-for-profit organisation working in collaborative peacebuilding. WANEP was founded in 1998 as a response to the civil wars that plagued West Africa in the late 1980s. WANEP holds the mission to enable and facilitate the development of mechanisms for cooperation among civil society-based peacebuilding practitioners, and organisations in West Africa by promoting cooperative responses to violent conflicts. WANEP has national networks in twelve of the fifteen countries in West Africa and will soon expand to Cape Verde, Mali and Niger. Its regional secretariat is located in Accra-Ghana.



After graduating from UQ in July 2010, Teddy has plans to register a civil-society NGO, operational in Sierra Leone his native country. The focus and mission of the NGO shall be the empowerment of 'Sierra Leonean Disabled Youths' and the enhancement of unity and national cohesion in Sierra Leone. Teddy, will appreciate assistance of any kind in making his dream come true

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# Rose Foley

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*Rotary Club of Kelvin, Scotland, District 1230*

Rose Foley is from Glasgow, Scotland. Rose completed her undergraduate degree in English literature at University College, Oxford University, before deciding to pursue a postgraduate degree in journalism at City University, London.

After qualifying as a journalist, Rose worked for commercial television news in England and then as a television producer and radio reporter for BBC Scotland news. Before coming to Australia, Rose worked with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) in Toronto. There, she produced international television news and worked as a radio reporter.



Alongside her career in journalism, Rose has always had an interest in the relationship between media and development. In 2006 she spent a year in Kigali, Rwanda where she worked as a communications and advocacy advisor for a girls' education charity and as a freelance journalist. While in the country, she had the opportunity to see at first hand how media was both aiding and frustrating the reconciliation process after the 1994 genocide.

Studying at UQ has given Rose further opportunity to explore the connections between journalism, conflict and peace. For her applied field experience, she chose to gain a more practical understanding of the 'media for development' field, by working with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in New Delhi, India. She spent three months concentrating on community radio projects. Community radio stations (which are run by non-governmental organisations and local communities) have only been legal in India since 2006. They are designed to empower people who mainstream media cannot reach. Rose is now writing her Masters thesis on the sector and its potential to provide an alternative public space for marginalized communities in India.



In the future Rose hopes to combine her interests in humanitarian work and journalism, by working either in the media section of a non-governmental organisation, or in a charity that specializes in using media for development.

Rose is very grateful for the amazing experience she has had in Brisbane. She has enjoyed fantastic support from her lecturers, Rotary counsellors and her host club. She looks forward to continuing those relationships in the future.



## Joseph Onyango Hongoh

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*Rotary club of Mombassa, Kenya, District 9200*

Mr. Joseph Hongoh was born and raised in Kenya. He graduated in 2002 with Honors from Kenyatta University, specializing in Education, Literature and Linguistics. Thereafter, he joined Parliament of Kenya as an intern, and served as Parliamentary Committee Assistant to the Committees of Education and Research; Defense and Foreign Relations; and Administration of National Security and Local Authorities. Here, he gained vital skills in research, policy making, working with communities and electorates as well as linking them with Parliamentarians.



In 2004, Mr. Hongoh joined the Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace. Here, he helped coordinate peacebuilding and conflict resolution activities of parliamentarians drawn from Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Southern Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia. He undertook several programs with parliamentarians, including capacity building on issues of peace; problem solving workshops and focused group discussions; fact finding missions; inter-community and inter-parliamentary dialogue forums. Examples of these initiatives included addressing interethnic conflict in Rwanda and Burundi; resource-based conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; small-arms problem and cattle rustling in eastern Uganda, northern Kenya and Southern Sudan; and internal displacement and refugee problems in northern Uganda and Kenya; and peace negotiations between the Government of Uganda and the Lords Resistance Army (LRA). In 2008, he was reassigned to Kenya to support Parliamentarians reconnect with communities, especially after the post election violence.

In November 2009, Mr. Hongoh undertook an internship position with the Office of the Presidential Advisor on the Peace Process, the Government of Philippines. He was attached to the Peace Institutions Development Office, a team that is charged with institutionalization and strengthening of sub-national and community-based conflict prevention, conflict resolution, peace advocacy, and rehabilitation and development efforts in conflict-affected areas.



Mr. Hongoh has focused his future on research and policy analysis. He plans to undertake more studies in the future to enhance his skills in this field. As a Rotary Peace fellow, Mr. Hongoh plans to document and share his experience on working with diverse communities to build peace and inter-cultural understanding. At a personal level, he continues to support the less fortunate gain access to education.



# Fanney Karlsdóttir

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*Rotary Club of Reykjavík-Breiðholt, Iceland, District 1360*

Fanney comes from an island of active volcanoes, as many people in the world realised this year. Aside from having lived in her home country, Iceland, for most of her life, she has also worked and studied in countries like Norway, Austria, USA, Greenland, Finland and China.

Fanney worked for the Icelandic Red Cross for five 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 were of benefit to people in need in Iceland as well as around the world. Fanney has also been an active volunteer for the Icelandic Red Cross and had the opportunity to manage a project with a branch of the Red Cross in Mozambique.



While working for the Red Cross, Fanney became interested in corporate social responsibility (CSR) and established partnerships with the private sector in order to inspire companies to participate in social development. Fanney also witnessed the importance and relevance of CSR when she worked at the Icelandic Embassy in Beijing, particularly when the embassy facilitated the investment of Icelandic companies in China and when she edited a report for the embassy regarding human rights issues in China. Fanney continued her focus on CSR while working for Capacent, an Icelandic company that provides business consultancy, recruiting, and market and social research.

As a part of her Rotary Peace Fellowship, Fanney completed an internship at the UN Global Compact, located at the UN headquarters in New York. The department focuses on CSR by involving the private sector in the goals of the UN. While working for Global Compact, Fanney was involved in various projects, including developing the role of private companies in peacebuilding.



Fanney is determined to continue working to improve the quality of life for oppressed and marginalized populations through contributing to projects that involve various stakeholders including the public, governmental institutions and the private sector. Fanney is extremely thankful for her time as a Rotary Peace Fellow and believes it has provided her with precious knowledge and experience that she will carry with her on the path working towards peace.

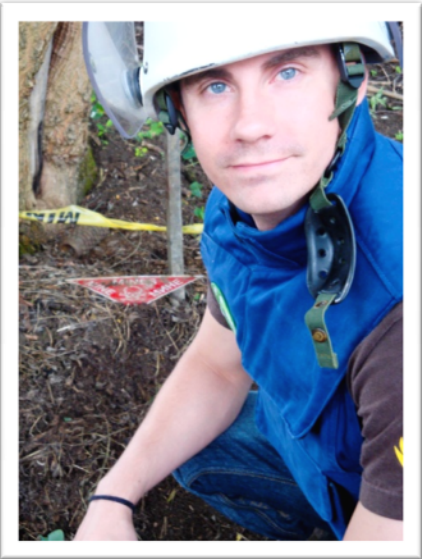
## David Kozar

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

Dave Kozar comes to us from Manhattan, Kansas where he has lived with his family since they immigrated to the United States from the former Yugoslavia.

Before commencing his Peace Fellowship at the University of Queensland, Dave completed a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish as well as a secondary degree in International Studies at Kansas State University. While working on his Master of International Studies (Peace and Conflict Resolution) at the University of Queensland he has simultaneously been working to complete a second post-graduate program in Conflict Resolution from Kansas State University, as well as taking specialized training courses from both the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (ACPACS) and Griffith University in Brisbane.



Since 2001, Dave has spent much of his time working with children's programs in post-conflict countries -creating programs in divided communities throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo. Dave is currently serving as the Country Coordinator for programs in Kosovo as well as on the Board of Advisors with the non-profit organization Training Workshops International for the Children. During his time in the Balkans, Dave has also worked as the U.S. Coordinator for the Campaign to arrest Ratko Mladić and Radovan Karadžić for the Center for Balkan Development, as well as producing a documentary film focusing on the effects of protracted conflict in divided communities.

Dave recently returned to Brisbane from Mae Sot, Thailand where he was working with migrant and refugee communities on the Thai/Burma (Myanmar) border. While in Mae Sot, he worked with the community-based organization Social Action for Women (SAW) providing alternative dispute resolution training as well as writing child protection policies. The success of his work with SAW was recognized by The International Rescue Committee (IRC) and World Education, allowing him to work with both these organization in the Mae La and Umpium Refugee Camps respectively. Dave also spent time volunteering at the AGAPE Learning Centre, working with orphaned and street children from the area.

Currently Dave is working with the Queensland Government Department of Justice and Attorney-General as an Intake Officer at the Dispute Resolution Centre, leading the work on an Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for the Department of Housing and Homelessness.



After graduating from the University of Queensland Dave would like to continue his work in post-conflict countries looking at how Alternative Dispute Resolution can best be utilized through a hybridization of prescriptive and elicitive training models.

# David LaMotte

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*Rotary club of Black Mountain NC, USA ,District 7670*

In his 18-year career as a professional singer/songwriter, David LaMotte released 10 CDs and performed 2000 concerts on 4 continents. He is the author of a successful children's book based on his award-winning children's song *S.S. Bathtub*, and a popular keynote speaker and workshop presenter in schools, universities, churches and peace conferences in the U.S. and Europe.

In 2004, LaMotte founded a non-profit organization, PEG Partners, which funds construction and other improvements to schools and libraries in Guatemala. He continued to direct the organization until he came to Australia as a Peace Fellow. The organization continues to flourish supporting twelve programs across Guatemala, ranging from library expansions to school construction to music programs and mobile libraries.

Because of his strong commitment to peacemaking, David has travelled in conflict zones from Bosnia to Belfast and from Hebron to Haiti, promoting intercultural understanding and seeking to learn from others on the front lines of peace work.

David has won numerous songwriting awards, but his most significant recent awards are for his humanitarian and peacemaking work. As a result of his work in Guatemala, he was nominated as a "Hero of Humanity" in Heifer International's publication *World Ark*, and named a Madison World Changer by his undergraduate alma mater, James Madison University. He was also made a Paul Harris Fellow by his home Rotary Club in Black Mountain, North Carolina.



In 2009 David suspended his music career at its peak in order to attend the University of Queensland as a Rotary World Peace Fellow. He spent his Applied Field Experience in rural Andhra Pradesh, India working with a Gandhian organization that seeks to improve the lives of some of the poorest Indians through integrated development. He documented their work and designed a series of brochures that explain and promote three of their programs.

In June he will be moving back to the United States, where he has accepted a job as the Peace Associate for the North Carolina Council of Churches. He will also continue to give keynote conferences and perform occasional concerts as well as working with PEG Partners on projects in Guatemala. Meanwhile, he is working on finishing a book he is currently writing, tentatively titled "Worldchanging 101: Why Your Hope is Not Naïve," and working toward publishing a children's book based on his poem "White Flour."



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## Jeniece Olsen

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*Rotary club of Minneapolis South, USA,  
District 5950*

Jeniece was born and partially raised in Salt Lake City, Utah with “the greatest snow on Earth”. In place of becoming a talented or even average skier, she buried her nose in her books and pursued a BA in Psychology. Shortly after graduation, she began working in Salt Lake City’s largest homeless shelter, where she spent five years assisting families and individuals as they transitioned from homelessness into housing. While studying for a Masters in Social Work, Jeniece spent a year providing therapy for perpetrators and victims of domestic violence, as well as individuals struggling with substance abuse. The following year, she spent several months working for the Kagisano Society Women’s Shelter Project in Gaborone, Botswana.



After returning home, Jeniece took a position as Services Coordinator for a new \$9 million housing complex, designed to permanently house individuals who were chronically homeless. She coordinated with partner agencies to take 84 individuals off the streets and offer each one a fully furnished apartment. During this time, she also received her license to practice clinical social work; she is trained in the areas of substance abuse/dependence, gender-based and domestic violence, mental health, harm reduction, motivational interviewing and trauma treatment.

In July of last year, Jeniece began volunteering for The Romero Centre, a nonprofit organization in Brisbane that serves and supports refugees from Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan who have escaped to Australia by boat. Her volunteer work subsequently led to an applied field experience, which is still ongoing. She has had the privilege of working on the narrative project *A Smile In Tears*. This project is an effort to gather stories of success from former refugees and creatively document the skills and knowledge they have used while making a new home in Australia. These stories and documents will be used as

educational tools for newer refugee communities, the general Australian public and, hopefully, relevant political leaders.



Presently, Jeniece’s interest lies in combining her professional background in social work with her current degree in International Relations. She hopes to continue working with refugee populations, both abroad and in her home country.

## Pamela Ann S. Padilla

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*Rotary club of Mandaluyong – Pasig - San Juan,  
Philippines, District 3800*

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). This office monitors and ensures compliance to the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CARHRIHL).

This brought her all over the Philippines supervising and coordinating the continuing education and information campaign for the government security forces on HR and IHL. She also coordinated and monitored awareness raising and capability-building efforts in the establishment of local monitoring bodies and peace networks, which help address human rights violations and provide education on peace strategies at the grassroots level. Dealing with cases of human rights violations resulting from the armed conflict was daunting but there were stories of successes where cultures of peace survived and thrive. These showed her that paths to peace can be built even in the most violent of conflicts. It is with this conviction that she applied for the Rotary Fellowship.

Pamela completed her internship with the Human Rights Education Institute of Burma, a non-governmental organization, which facilitates a broad range of training and advocacy programs to grassroots organizations and community leaders to empower people to promote a culture of human rights. During her time there, she worked on their regional advocacy campaign to “Stop the Use of Child Soldiers in Burma”. This renewed her interest in child rights protection and advocacy in her own country where child soldier recruitment and use is also a problem. At the end of the Program, she plans to return to the Philippines and still work in the field of human rights protection and promotion with a focus on children’s rights most probably working with an NGO. It is her hope that with all these experiences, she will return a more capable and valuable peace and human rights worker for her country.



She would like to express her deepest gratitude to the Rotary Foundation, all Rotarians, particularly, the RC of MANPASAN- Philippines for sponsoring her, RC of Hamilton and Toowomba City for hosting her in Australia, RC of Ferrymead for hosting her in the 9970 District Conference in New Zealand, the UQ Staff and especially her family and friends for supporting her and for making this journey a truly enriching and life-changing experience.



## Zuzana Petovska

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*Rotary Club of Kosice, Slovakia, District 2240*

Zuzana Petovska (Zuska), is from the Slovak Republic, Bratislava and was sponsored by the Rotary Club in Kosice. Her host Rotary Club in Australia is the Rotary Club of Goodna. Zuska holds Masters Degree in Social Work from Comenius University in Bratislava and has been working for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) since 1997.



Her professional engagement with UNHCR focused on 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 the 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 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.

During the Applied Fieldwork Experience, Zuska has chosen to put in practice new knowledge and skills gained at UQ specifically related to conflict resolution, and decided to get involved in a Mediation project implemented in remote Indigenous community in the Tiwi Islands. Zuska spent two months living in Nguiu community, which was an innovative way on engaging with the community. Zuska was involved on a project aimed at construction of mediation services to enhance community life, safer community and enlarge the community's capacity to work with conflict skilfully. Zuska was working with Strong Womens' Group, Youth and Diversion and Development Unit, Catholic Care, Red Cross on developing educational material on mediation services and enlarging the community's access to, use and knowledge of



Mediation. Zuska has built up professional and personal relationships and greatly enjoyed working and living in Nguiu. Zuska has in addition benefited from friendships and explored traditional stories and cultural happenings, arts, participated at ceremonies, hunting and explored natural surrounding and daily life of the contemporary liwi society.

Zuska is looking forward to returning to UNHCR in January 2011. As a candidate on International Professional Roster, she has already started exploring possibilities to engage in one of UNHCR's field operations. International Studies and Peace and Conflict Resolution provided her with skills, that can be utilised by UNHCR in an office setting and in the field. In the mean time, she is planning to spend time with her sister and three nephews living in South Australia and explore the country a little more.

# Class VIII

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## Giorgio Algeri

*Rotary club of Palermo Monreale, Italy, District 2110*

Giorgio holds a BA in Political Sciences (2003) and a Masters Degree in Asian Studies from the University of Lund, Sweden (2007). The one-year in-depth experience with the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa) and disadvantaged children in Palermo, Italy represented a turning point in his life. After living abroad in Montpellier and Bordeaux, France, and Ottawa, Canada, he started collaborating with CARITAS. His work involved a whole range of activities among which the protection and assistance of migrants and asylum seekers, and the empowerment of Community-Based Organizations through human rights-based approaches (India, 2008).



In 2008 he moved to Brussels, Belgium where he collaborated with the EU liaison office of the international child rights NGO Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF), focusing on child trafficking and child migration. Before starting his studies at UQ as Rotary World Peace Fellow, Giorgio served as project coordinator for Terre des Hommes Italy (TDH-I) in Bangladesh advocating for the protection of child rights in urban slums and rural areas against trafficking in human beings.

## Bryn Cain

*Rotary club of Bricktown, Oklahoma City, USA, District 5750*

Bryn Cain is originally from Oklahoma City in the US. When she was 15, she moved to Brisbane to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. She got a travel bug while there and has spent most of the last decade abroad. She went to Richmond University in London for her undergraduate degree in International Relations and Economics. In summers, she travelled to China, worked at a World Trade Center in New York and eventually for the Foreign Press Association in London. Her interest in International Development led her to join the



United States Peace Corps. She spent two years in Senegal, West Africa as a business development volunteer. Her work involved assisting women's groups, teaching basic business classes on how to start and run micro-businesses and get loans, and consulting entrepreneurs to increase their profit margins. She decided after two years in Senegal that she desperately needed more education to enhance what she had learned in the field and was accepted as a Rotary Peace Fellow. In the interim between Senegal and coming back to Brisbane, she moved to Austin, TX to swing dance for a year and work at the University of Texas. Her intentions are to work in economic development policy after she completes her masters.

## Joseph DeVoir

*Rotary club of St Joseph-Benton Harbor, Michigan USA,  
District 6360*

Joseph DeVoir is a former Ambassadorial Scholar who has attended the University of Bath in England and received a MSc in International Policy Analysis. He currently resides in St Joseph Michigan in Rotary District 6360.



Joseph has spent a lot of his working time in the occupied Palestinian Territories, where he works in research, advocacy and a number of grassroots initiatives, most notably the Combatants for Peace and the Palestinian Economic Policy Research Institute. Joseph has also been an active supporter and admirer of the Children's Safe Water Project featuring the Bio-Sand Filter that has grown out of a handful of Michigan Rotary clubs into a premier Rotary International initiative.

Upon completing his studies, Joseph hopes to work in the field of conflict resolution with a focus on international aid and local ownership over the development process. His research and publications can be found at [www.pal-econ.org](http://www.pal-econ.org) and he can be reached at [joe.devoir@gmail.com](mailto:joe.devoir@gmail.com).

## Yuka Kaneko

*Rotary club of Kumagaya East, Japan, District 2570*

After graduating with a Bachelor Degree in International Socio-Cultural Studies from Keisen University, I obtained a position on the staff of the Catholic Committee for Asylum-seekers, Refugees and Migrant Workers in Japan. This position enabled me to come into contact with oppressed people from foreign countries and cooperate with them. I worked with the Committee for four years, during which time I had the opportunity to form many close relationships with migrant workers and refugees. In addition, I published a booklet about migrant workers in Japan, who are often made scapegoats for the increasing crime rate. I also lobbied for revision of the immigration law, and organized workshops on migrant and refugee issues for ordinary people. In the course of this work I discovered that many types of human rights violations occur in Japan as well as other countries. Moreover, I acquired further experience with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which is the Japanese governmental organization to implement Japanese ODA, working as a coordinator for different units within JICA for about three years. Through these experiences, I understood that there were many types, scales, and levels of International Cooperation, and thus my long-term goals are to work for an international organization



such as UNHCR and at the same time an international NGO. By holding two such positions, I hope to be able to build closer ties between large organizations and small NGOs, or between overseas NGOs and domestic NGOs. I believe it is through closer relationships between such organizations that international understanding and world peace will advance to the next stage.



## Matti Karvanen

*Rotary club of Helsinki, Finland, District 1420*

Matti is particularly interested in African politics and conflicts, having previously worked as a UN peacekeeper in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and gotten involved in Finnish government's development assistance projects in Southern Africa. Before commencing his Rotary World Peace Fellowship at the University of Queensland he performed a 6-month internship at the UN Refugee Agency UNHCR's Regional Office in Sweden, and got involved in monitoring the European Union asylum policy. Matti holds a BA in Development Studies from the University of Helsinki. In future he would like to see himself working with themes related to conflict management and development particularly in the context of East and Southern Africa.



## Jakob Kurtzer

*Rotary club of Capitol Hill, Washington DC, USA, District 7620*

Prior to arrival at the University of Queensland, Jake Kurtzer served as the Congressional Advocate at Refugees International, a not for profit, privately funded humanitarian advocacy organization based in Washington DC. Jake represented RI on Capitol Hill, advocating on behalf of conflict refugees around the world. While at RI, Jake conducted humanitarian assessment missions to Burma, Colombia, Somaliland and the Middle East. On these missions, Jake met with displaced civilians and analyzed the humanitarian conditions in order to make recommendations to the international community for an improved humanitarian response. Previously, Jake worked as a legislative assistant to Congressman Robert Wexler of Florida, where his responsibilities included advising the Congressman on a wide range of legislative issues, including foreign affairs, natural resources, criminal justice policy and other important domestic matters. While working for Congressman Wexler, Jake was the lead staff for the Congressional Indonesia Caucus, and participated in Congressional staff delegations to Haiti, China, Taiwan and Egypt. During this time, Jake also served as an election monitor for the 2004 presidential election in Indonesia as part of the Carter Center's delegation. Jake hails from Washington, DC and has lived abroad in Cairo, Egypt, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel. He graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a degree in philosophy and a citation in religious studies. During his studies, he volunteered for a semester at the American Anti-Slavery Group, in Boston, Mass. Jake also studied abroad at the American University in Cairo, and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.



## Humaira Shafi

*Rotary club of Abbottabad, Pakistan, District 3270*

I am from the city of Abbottabad in Pakistan. I have a master degree in Political Science and I am also a practising Lawyer.

I and my husband run an NGO (AL-ANSAR SOCIETY) in our city. We provide limited financial stipends to widows, old ladies and disabled people. Our NGO also runs a secondary school where we provide free quality education to children who cannot afford to go to school.



Before I came to Brisbane, I was working as a counsellor and legal representative for our NGO in Pakistan.

In my spare time I like reading books. One quality I admire about myself is that I am an optimistic person.

## Sanaz Shahrokni

*Rotary club of Thonon Genevois International, Switzerland, District 1780*

Sanaz Shahrokni experienced 8 years of war between Iran and Iraq not far from the Iraqi border as she was born and raised until age of 18 in Dezfool, a city in southwest Iran. Then she moved to Tehran for her bachelor degree in French literature in Shahid Beheshti University. After three years of working as a teacher, tour guide and translator, Sanaz



decided to continue her studies in Geneva, Switzerland which also gave her an opportunity to learn more about other cultures and points of view. As a result of living in Geneva she had a life chance to know many people from around the world and of course entered into another phase of her life through being surrounded by the UN and all the organizations. She found her new destiny as she understood the importance of peace and educations in every country. She worked as a volunteer in an organization for peace for 6 months, then she knew the Rotary program would allow her to fulfill her dream about peace.

# Alumni

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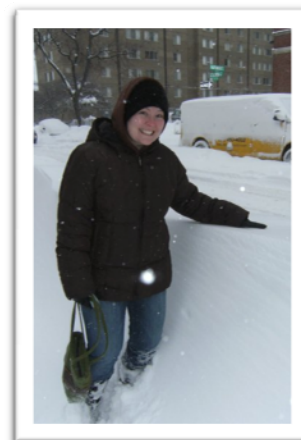


## CLASS VI

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### ***Emily Todd***

After leaving sunny Brisbane I decided that if I was going to return to the U.S., I would need to head to a location with warmer weather than my hometown of Indianapolis. With the prospects of a more temperate climate and a wealth of international agencies and organizations, I decided to explore the possibilities of Washington, D.C. As the picture shows, I wasn't too successful on the temperate weather! Just as Class VI brought the rains to Queensland it appeared as if I had brought the snow to my nation's capitol. Two blizzards later, I am now well adjusted and enjoying the onset of spring and the cherry blossoms that every now and then remind me of the jacarandas in Brisbane.



I am currently working as a researcher for Crown Agents, an international development organization with an office here in D.C. At the moment I am working more on the USAID funded food security projects, but hope to soon move into more of our conflict mitigation and stabilization programs. On the weekends I volunteer at the Central American Resource Center, where I translate and assist with citizenship workshops. In Rotary news, I have had a great time meeting all the Peace Fellow alums in D.C. and am now one of the co-chairs for the Washington, D.C. Rotary Foundation Alumni group.

I can hardly believe that a year has past since the last Rotary Seminar. To all the Rotarians, thank you for your continued support of this amazing program. To the fellows of class VII & VII, best of luck!

### ***Veronica Hynes***

I am living in Mendoza, Argentina and resumed working as a lawyer. I have been engaged in some interesting causes, such as Banco de Alimentos, helping during their annual campaign to raise awareness on nutrition.



I continue my training on conflict resolution, taking mediation courses in Mendoza. I also continue contributing to the Bar Association Magazine.

I am working on a project to raise awareness on recycling and promote the city of Mendoza to set up recycling plants. Lastly, I have become a member of the Alumni Association of District 4865, which has just started functioning.

My best and warmest regards to everyone and have a great seminar!



## ***Marcos Zunino***



After graduation Marcos joined the Judicial Power of Buenos Aires Province as Undersecretary in a Court of law. In that capacity he focuses on complex cases involving human rights. He also joined the College of Magistrates and Functionaries of Buenos Aires Province. An article based on his Master's thesis has been accepted for publication by the International Journal of Transitional Justice and he is working with the editors to have it published as soon as possible. He has resumed the practice of rugby in Club San Fernando and has spoken in many Rotary Clubs.

## ***Ryan Moore***

Rotarians and friends - greetings and salutations from the Emerald Isle! I returned to Northern Ireland in July 2009 to take up my role again as a Good Relations Officer with a local authority. Resuming this role after a two-year career break, the position entails fostering cross-community contact and cooperation across Ireland's sectarian and political divide. Whilst Northern Ireland can be proud of how far it has travelled down the path of peace; recent events underline all too clearly the need for further peacebuilding activities and processes.



Attached is a picture of me beside a memorial to men of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ulster Division at the Ulster Tower, Thiepval, France who won the Victoria Cross during the First World War. I recently went with a cross-community group on the "Messines Experience Programme" which aims to contribute to reconciliation between communities in the North by exploring the experiences of the young men of the unionist 36<sup>th</sup> Ulster Division and the nationalist 16<sup>th</sup> Irish Division, who fought and died together at Messines. The Programme is designed to commemorate those sacrifices, but more fundamentally, it is designed to use the historical event of the Battle of Messines as a catalyst for creating an environment of tolerance and understanding, leading to reconciliation and the acceptance of differences throughout Ireland.

I am also continuing with my professional and personal development with an accredited training programme on Cross Cultural Facilitation and Mediation in Divided Societies. I've joined a cadre of twenty from Northern Ireland and the Border Region who will become licensed practitioners with Mediation Northern Ireland and be able to respond to assignments both locally and internationally.

Rotary Clubs in Ulster have been keen to hear of my experiences of the Peace Fellowship and living in Australia, of which I've regaled 'many's a yarn' of my life and times at UQ, 'Brisvegas' and the inimitable Henry Bodman of Fig Tree Pocket!

I remember with great fondness the support and care that people offered me in the months after my accident in East Timor. Im pleased to report that I have almost made a full recovery, and whilst I still go for checkups, I hope to return to the rugby pitch in September. Not a day goes by when I don't think of the times I enjoyed 'down under' - thank you for being a part of it and that our journeys of life have crossed. 'Til next time...

### ***Kathy Clark***



Kathy Clark has recently arrived in Lebanon, where she will embark on language and culture studies, as well as attempt to make sense of the complex political situation. After leaving UQ, she joined her husband in Sweden, where she reconnected with her AFE colleagues and where they had their first child- beautiful baby Sara! Still very grateful for RI's support, she has stayed connected with Rotary clubs in 3 countries and plans to continue her engagement.

### ***Lydia Bulmer***

Since graduating from the University of Queensland in the summer of 2009, Lydia has been working as a teacher in the Middle-East. Whilst working as a primary school teacher, she is equipping the children with world awareness and a sense of justice. Lydia plans to return to work in the field of peace and conflict resolution once she has improved her financial situation. In her spare time, Lydia continues her involvement in Peace and Development issues and is getting involved in Dubai's International Humanitarian City. Lydia also plans on volunteering during the summer for a Non Governmental Organisation.

### ***Tamara Turcan***

Tamara was rehired by her former organisation American Councils for International Education and currently is working as Director of Studies at the language centre within the organisation. She supervises the teaching and professional development of eighteen language instructors.

Besides that she activates as a trainer in the *Bridges Between Us* project where groups of youth from eight cities throughout Moldova are trained in project management and organisation. The eight teams apply the knowledge they gain by organizing environmental, educational, and charity events in their own communities. This project enables youth to promote mutual



understanding and extend the ideals of their experience to the greater community in towns and cities across Moldova.

After her return to Moldova Tamara made contacts with the Rotary community from Romania and Moldova (District 2241) and was invited by RC Craiova (Romania) to collaborate in the multi twinning project - "Culture, Friendship and Cooperation for Peace in the Balkans 2010-2011". The project consists in a series of peace education workshops for University students and youth of five cities from Greece, Serbia, Bulgaria, Albania and Romania.

### ***Janelle Weissman***

A few weeks after graduation in July 2009, Janelle commenced employment as Director of Partnerships and Development at Human Ventures. A nonprofit based in Brisbane, Human Ventures provides arts and community cultural development programs to marginalised young people in Indigenous and remote communities across Queensland. Janelle oversees community partnerships, fundraising, and program strategy and development. She is actively engaged in promoting youth arts as a positive outlet to engage and inspire young



people, diverting them from risky behaviours and building confidence and capacity in self-expression and the arts, and pride in self, community, and culture. In her spare time she enjoys singing with the Brisbane Chorale, and exploring the beautiful bush and beaches that abound in Southeast Queensland.

### ***Kevin Melton***

Based on his previous academic and practical experiences, Kevin is currently focusing his studies on ways to enhance international security. Kevin works with ISAF military and civilian counterparts as part of a District Stabilization Team (DST) in Southern Afghanistan to help shape and develop reconstruction and development strategies and activities at the local level. He regularly communicates and shares program information with military personnel, other USAID project managers, bilateral donors, UN Organizations, International Organizations, and indigenous and international NGOs to ensure visibility and synergy in civil military efforts that enables bottom-up governance structures and supports stabilization..





### ***Virorth Doung***

Mr Virorth DOUNG is a researcher and consultant for national and international NGOs in Cambodia. He has done a few research projects on conflict and security in Cambodia, researched on Khmer Rouge Tribunal (KRT) and reconciliation and also conducted evaluations for German DED ZFD on 10 year project of Civil Peace Service in Cambodia and Access to Justice of UNDP. After completion of Rotary World Peace Fellowship at University of Queensland, Australia, Virorth returned back to Cambodia and worked as a Research Coordinator

for Social Development within Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI) from July 2009 till February 2010. The Rotary World Peace Fellowship has earned him a great opportunity to become a researcher of the field.

## **CLASS V**

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### ***Peter Emberson***

Bula Vinaka to you all. I work for the Pacific Conference of Churches in Suva Fiji. PCC is the secretariat for 27 Christian denominations in the Pacific region advocating social, environment and economic justice issues.

Following an exciting year of work as Climate Change Campaigns Officer for PCC, I was appointed to the position Programme Manager [Climate Change] Resettlement. The position was created to accompany PCC's member churches in raising awareness about the impacts of climate change as well as the consequent wide-scale resettlement of population in the near future due to reliable sea level rise predictions. The absence in International Law and Refugee Law of a provision that would account for the displacement of peoples due to climate change, PCC established my desk to advocate the rights of low lying Pacific Island States at the national, regional and international level - mind you, internal displaced peoples as well. This appointment is a humbling yet challenging one and is a great opportunity to fully utilise the skills I had acquired at the UQ Rotary Peace Centre.

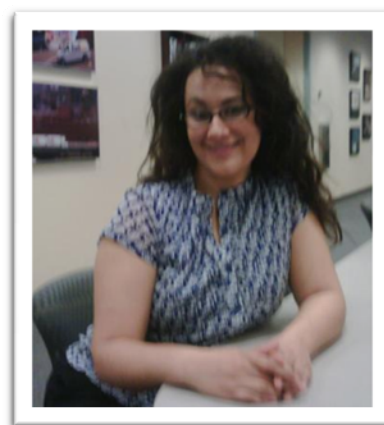
On behalf of my wife Anne (who studied at UQ Peace Centre with Class V) and I, in congratulating the new graduating Fellows, we put the challenge out to fully exhaust their new found knowledge in worthwhile fields and we wish you well.

### ***Andrea Fanta***

I work at the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, a state agency responsible for recruiting business investment into Tennessee. I am an international project specialist, which means I work with overseas companies every day. I

also work a lot with diplomats from foreign countries that have trade and investment interests in our state.

I've kept in touch with my Rotary District and continue to do speaking tours in the area.



### ***Cassio Furtado***

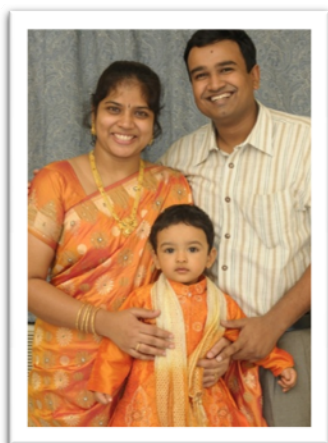
He teaches a course on geopolitics to teenagers at Michigan and Média 10, two top-notch prep-schools in Brazil. He also serves as an international commentator for two radio stations Brazil, where he has four weekly commentaries on international issues.

### ***Margarita (Rita) Gonzales Class V USA***

She is a research associate at the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) in Atlanta, GA, USA. She is 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.

### ***Vikas Gora***

Greetings from India! I am grateful to the entire Rotary Family for believing in me and giving me an opportunity to be a Rotary World Peace Fellow in 2006-08. The fellowship has given me immense strength, self confidence and determination. It has opened up new vistas in my life. I am presently working as the National Focal Point - Inter-Agency Coordination and Unified Response Strategy in Sphere India, a national coalition of humanitarian agencies. I lead the multi-layer inter-agency process in India by coordinating 60 international agencies, UN and state-level interagency groups. My work is to ensure quality and accountability in humanitarian action so as to reduce duplication of disaster



relief and aid. My recent experience in Cyclone Aila that struck West Bengal was unique. I travelled to the remotest areas in Sundarban Islands and witnessed that the first people to have reached the victims of the cyclone were Rotarian Doctors. It is heartening to see the tenacity of purpose with which Rotarians work to become living examples.

I wish all the peace fellows and ambassadorial scholars great success in their lives and in working towards realizing Rotary's vision. Thank you Rotary.



### ***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 Director of Programs with the Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa (CPIA) in Harare. He is responsible for all the programs and projects of the centre. For instance he is spearheading the establishment of a CPIA Early Warning System on Political Violence, especially during election time. The program has received enormous amount of support from all stakeholders in Zimbabwe and the region though it is still in its infancy. He is also the liaison person with the donor community within Zimbabwe for all CPIA programs.

### ***Cecilia Lwiindi Nedziwe***

Cecilia recently moved to Stellenbosch (Cape Town) in South Africa, where she continues to work for the Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa (CPIA) as Regional Coordinator.

Since the 2009 update to the Paul Harris Seminar until March 2010, Cecilia worked under the CPIA youth and peacebuilding programme. This program aims to build the capacities and inculcate a culture of peace in young people through conflict mediation, leadership and peace building activities in Zimbabwe and the SADC region. She conducted a needs assessment exercise and facilitated dialogue forums to discuss and train the youths. This was done in collaboration with various civil society organisations and regional coordinators in the five provinces of Zimbabwe, namely Matebeleland North, Manicaland, Mashonaland Central, Masvingo and Mashonaland West. The turnout of the youths aged 25 - 30 was very high, especially those who are unemployed and school drop-outs due to exorbitant school fees.



The work highlight for 2009 was the Model United Nations Conference (MUN). Cecilia co-chaired the conference with Sheunesu Hove. Forty five delegates from across the African continent participated at the conference in Mutare, Zimbabwe and had an opportunity to discuss and debate the current *log-jam in Somalia, especially the issue of piracy*. The UN Security Council was used to usher discussion on addressing the 'root causes' of the conflict on the Somali mainland. The question the delegates were debating was whether the prospect of sustainable peace lie in supporting the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) and the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) force. The delegates were drawn from youths from the SADC region as well as some from East Africa such as Kenya.

### ***Ville-Veikko Pitkänen***

He works for the Civilian Crisis Management Centre Finland. The CMC Finland is responsible of all the training and recruitment of the Finnish civilian crisis management experts.

## ***Kristin Post***

Since September 2009, Kristin Post has been living in Helmand, Afghanistan. She lives on a Marine base with the 7th Regiment, but frequently stays with the battalions and platoons who are located throughout the Helmand River Valley. Her mission is to conduct research and gather information from the local populous. With Marines providing security, she walks from village to village, and engages local men, elders, mullahs and sometimes women. She uses the information gathered from these conversations to portray the cultural “picture” to the Marines and other units operating in theater as part of the counter-insurgency, or COIN doctrine, that is the cornerstone of the ISAF military philosophy in Afghanistan.



She has visited dozens of towns and spoken to hundreds of Afghans. Even though these families are very poor, they offer their renowned Pashtun hospitality. Even if they only have one piece of bread, it makes them happy to share with their guests. She also gets a kick out of the Afghan children, who even without an education, exhibit a great desire and capacity to learn.

Kristin has also had plenty of cheerful experiences working with the Afghan security forces who live and patrol with their Marine partners. These men are providing much needed security for the people in this war-torn part of the country.

Kristin has produced a number of reports and products, including a report on reintegration of the “low-level” Taliban that was quoted in the Ambassador’s cable to the United States (the report, which featured interviews with over 50 Afghans, is the only primary source data on reintegration on this region.)

She will stay in Afghanistan until June, and then return to her loved ones in the United States and seek new employment closer to home.

## **CLASS IV**

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### ***Leah J. Aylward***



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. In Sept 2009 she received a Faculty Tutoring Award for Excellence in Teaching/Tutoring. Last year in July she attended and presented a conference at a paper in Brazil.

Leah is also very active with my women's 11-a-side soccer team here in Brisbane. She played on the team for the last two years and was manager last year.

### ***Mayumi Burgener***

The year 2009 was exciting year for Mayumi--she gave birth to a baby girl in October. Her name is Mitsuki, meaning 'beautiful moon'. Baby Mitsuki has brought so much happiness into her life. She is so glad and proud that she had a baby. It is the best thing happened in her life.

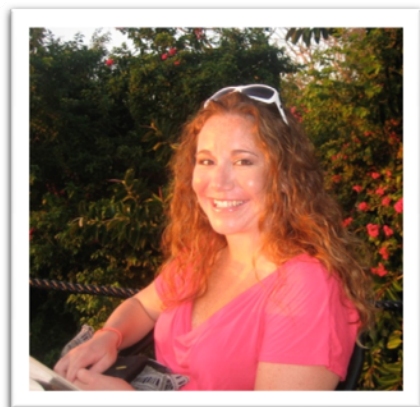
Aside from the news, Mayumi has been working as a lecturer with the School of Journalism and Communication at the University of Queensland since finishing the program (she has just returned to work as of March 1). It has been a rewarding experience; she has designed/developed undergraduate course Reporting Religion and taught the course twice. She also has commenced her PhD as of March 1. Her research topic is Peace Journalism.

This year, Mayumi and her family are going to move to Japan, as her husband David has been selected to study at ICU in Tokyo as a Rotary peace fellow. They are planning to live in Japan for two years, but they already know they will miss Australia so much.



### ***Caitlin Fitzpatrick***

This last year has taken me on an adventure with several non-profits working to improve the greater good in our community. I have worked as project manager for the 2010 Up With People cast ensuring logistical success with the cast of over 100 people from over 30



countries and staff while in Colorado. I also worked with Make-A-Wish Foundation leading their annual Vail Jam auction raising money for over 10 wishes to be granted for children with life threatening conditions. Currently I am working for the annual People's Fair in Denver in an effort to 'go green' by composting, recycling and educating the community on ways that we can benefit our environment. Though I still haven't made it back to visit the beloved staff, friends and

family in Brisbane, I hope to soon as all of you hold a special place in my heart. Thanks for all that you do!

### ***John Foster***

I am currently a second year student at Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, Tennessee. This summer, I will be working at the US Department of Homeland Security in the Office of International Affairs. I will spend the fall working at the US State Department in Office of the Legal Advisor.

### ***Mneesha Gellman***

Mneesha Gellman is in her second year of a PhD in Political Science at Northwestern University, Chicago, USA, where she is researching the relationship between historic memories of violence, identity formation, and political participation in Turkey, Mexico, and El Salvador. She will be doing an intermediate Turkish language immersion in Istanbul this summer with a grant from the US Department of State. Mneesha teaches a weekly poetry workshop for Latina domestic violence survivors in Chicago on the side. An excerpt of her UQ MA thesis was published in the January 2010 issue of Development in Practice.



Photo is hiking up a volcano in El Salvador with my husband Josh

### ***Leah Klass***

I am living in Germany with my husband and we are expecting our first baby in September! I have spent the past year travelling around the world, learning German, immersing myself in new cultures, visiting old friends and making new ones. I continue mentor young people, helping to guide them in their pursuits of education and travel.



### ***Sallie Lacy***

I continue to work for the GTZ in Frankfurt in their Climate Protection Program for developing countries. The main development is, however, that I am currently on maternity leave as I had a baby girl in Feb. Her name is Ellison, and she is (I might add)



adorable! I will be taking advantage of Germany's liberal leave policies until August, when I will head back to work - at which point my husband will go on paternity leave for 6 months.

### ***Ólöf Magnúsdóttir***

Since graduating from the Peace Fellowship in UQ I have worked for the Icelandic National Committee for UNICEF in fundraising and advocacy in Reykjavík, Iceland. I also spent three months working for UNICEF Sierra Leone in 2008. I have also gone on three 3-month missions on behalf of the Icelandic Crisis Response Unit to Georgia, the occupied Palestinian territory and Sri Lanka as support to UNICEF's work in conflict or post-conflict situations.

### ***Akiko Okudaira***

After serving the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan as a research analyst (on South East Asian affairs, mainly focusing on Myanmar/Burma) from 2008 to early 2010, Akiko has returned to Australia to pursue a PhD programme at the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy, on a scholarship from the Australian National University in Canberra. 2010 marks an epoch-making as well as challenging year for Japan, upon its inauguration of a three-year pilot scheme for resettling refugees from the Thai-Myanmar border camps where one of the most 'protracted refugee situations' in the Asia-Pacific region has been taking place. Akiko not only feels very blessed to be in Australia once again, but also believes that what could be learnt from this country's rich experience in the field of transnational migration is noteworthy, which would help inspire Japan's evolving refugee policy.



### ***Robert Hardy Opira***

I live in Gulu in Northern Uganda which is still recovering from two decades of one of the most deadly conflicts in Africa since the end of the cold war.

I and Godfrey Mukalazi both alumni at UQ started The Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution in January 2008 and since then we have made big success. I am the Executive Director and heads the day to day implementation of programs. Godfrey is the Chairman Board of Directors.





You can find out a lot more on our website [www.glaccr.org](http://www.glaccr.org).

Our major project is a USAID funded capacity building for 25 organizations, six district local governments, and six district peace fora in Northern Uganda in conflict sensitivity mainstreaming. We have also built capacity of other ten organizations in conflict management and peacebuilding including UNHCR and World Vision. We have been also involved in advocacy work as well as conflict research.

I am also a Rotarian at Rotary club of Gulu where am serving as secretary 2009/2010.

Further, I started a school for children affected by armed conflicts and the school is being supported largely by rotarians from around the world - mainly Qld, Australia. Read about the school at [www.spjs.ac.ug](http://www.spjs.ac.ug)

### ***Vadim Ostrovsky***

He is studying for his MBA at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University in Durham, NC, USA

### ***Amanda Rader***

I am writing to you from Arequipa, Peru where I'm working my fourth semester as a co-leader for 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. Students and leaders 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 into critical questions contributes to their more respectful and thoughtful interactions in the world.

Last December, after returning from a semester of work in South East Asia, I met up with two other peace fellows over the holidays, and was humbled and heartened by the connections and support we continue to have for one another. I am evermore honored to be linked with such an amazing network of peacemakers. All the best to the graduating class, and I hope to meet you all one day. Be well, walk in beauty.

### ***Perth Rosen***

After almost two years coordinating public health research with the Division of Global Public health in Mexico I have recently accepted a position as Technical Training Adviser with an NGO in Northern California. Over the period of two years with the group we

finalized research on two HIV studies (if of interest you can find details in a paper I co-authored titled: Barriers to Pharmacy-Based Syringe Purchase Among Injection Drug Users in Tijuana, Mexico: A Mixed Methods Study. Pollini RA, Lozada R, Gallardo M, Rosen P, Vera A, Macias A, Palinkas LA, Strathdee SA.) that explore risk as well as harm reduction strategies among high risk groups in Mexico. Though leaving the division is tough I look forward to a new challenge outside of academia ahead!

A highlight of 2009 includes a Christmas reunion with Class IV fellows, MJ and Amanda in Arizona. There is scarcely a day that passes where I am not in touch with my dear RWPF alumni. Much luck to the new class and warmest heartfelt wishes to my Brisbane based teachers and mentors and friends.

### ***Etsuko Teranishi***

I just finished my recent job with Training Programme of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) Osaka in March.

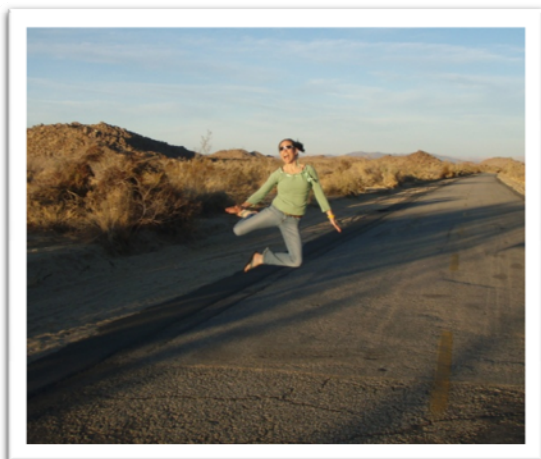
Currently I am waiting my next post of Junior Professional Officer sponsored by the Foreign Ministry of Japan. I will be working for International Organization for Migration (IOM) with a Human Trafficking issues.



### ***MJ Vuinovich***

Since last year, I have returned to school. I am completing my first year of law school at the University of Arizona. I'll be at that for at least three years total.

Although I formally left my position with the International Rescue Committee, I continue to assist with newly arrived refugee on a personal basis. This has become a grounding and important activity following my time as a Peace Fellow. I regularly attend Rotary events in Tucson and was a Peace Fellow representative at the Zone Institute in Oklahoma City last fall. Most importantly, I was able to attend the Peace Symposium in Birmingham and reconnect with fellows from the past and meet new fellows as well. Honestly, the Rotary friendships just get better over the years.



Be well! Be well! Thank you Rotary!



### ***Larissa Bruun & Sukthawee Suwannachairop***

Hi all! We are still in Lao PDR, and enjoy our lives here. We live in the capital Vientiane.

Dao currently works with the Mecong River Comission (MRC) on the Climate Change Adaptation Initiative - a collaborative regional effort of MRC Member Countries to support the process of

adapting to the new challenges posed by climate change in the Lower Mekong River Basin. Larissa continues to work with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as a UN volunteer and is currently working on nutrition, among other things, and promoting the use of indigenous solutions (among other highly protein and micronutrient rich, locally consumed insects) in trying to reverse the situation for the chronically malnourished children in Laos.

Other than work, our last year has been very much focused on parenthood and our babe Kettil who will already turn one in May.

Best regards to our dear Brissie and to everyone who still remember us, we think about you often!

Cheers, sunshine and peace.

## **CLASS III**

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### ***Alessandro De Carvalho Souza***

My professional life has not changed much since last year. I still work in the legal department of the Rodobens Group for the State of Santa Catarina, based in Florianópolis, Brazil. The focus of my work at the moment is the real estate and banking business of that the group.

Notwithstanding, working outside the field of Peace and Conflict Resolution, in every moment of my professional life, all experiences as a PF in Australia become clearly important.

Although I faced serious personal challenges to graduate, I have in mind that it was a very rewarding experience and I would like to congratulate all the classes involved in the seminar, UQ staff and academics, for the chance to send this message.



### ***Pedro Pablo Delgado Hinostroza***

I am still doing the same type of job as before. My current position is First Secretary in the Embassy of Peru in Switzerland and Head of the Consular Section. I attach a photo of mine together with my dear son Mateo.

### ***Santosh Mehra***

Inspector general of the Anti-corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, India.

### ***Godfrey Mukalazi***

I and Robert Opira founded the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution (GLACCR) and we have made long strides compared to when we reported to you last year.



We recruited 3 more staff members, and we got a grant from USAID under spring project to carry out a conflict sensitivity project in northern Uganda among the so many NGOs there in. We train organisations in the same as well as doing other work.

We still want Rotarians from Rotary Clubs in Australia to link them with others in US

for matching grants towards our activities. Please pass on the info. again during the Seminar.

### ***Arik Gutler Ofir***

My main energy goes to a project that I've initiated last year: a Theatre Centre for Social Justice. I have assembled 20 artists and activists to discuss how we can empower the weak population of our region (Galilee), which includes mainly low-tec workers (Jews and Arabs), high average of unemployment, weak periphery communities. We have decided to start with two projects: a workshop- aiming to train more practitioners, and a theatre group- aiming to reach the public.

That's what we did so far:

1. 30 activists and artists came during August 09 for one week workshop. They came from all over the country to Kibbutz Cabri, where I teach theatrical methods that engage with social change ('Theatre of the Oppressed', 'Playback Theatre' and 'psycho-drama'). Now we are helping each other to promote each other's work.

2. I've assembled six actors to work on Forum Theatre Plays (one of the 'Theatre of the Oppressed' methods). They are called now: the Theatre Centre for Social Justice Company. We deal with issues such as environment, employment, violence. I don't know how is your Hebrew, but you can watch that Youtube piece:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wiDnDcARMc&feature=related>



3. I am also engaged with other projects, related to my work:

In my day job- I am a high -school teacher, teaching political science and theatre. In my high school, I am taking part in two projects:

I am tutoring the first Arabic speaking theatre department in a high-school in Israel, which works in cooperation with my high-school. Last month I have got an award from the Minister of Education for this initiative. (See picture. I am 5th from the left- The minister is sixth from the right side)

The second project: I am a part of a team which facilitates workshops for 100 students from 4 different high-schools (Arab and Jews). The topic: humanism and holocaust.

Good luck with the seminar and all the best to UQ-IR 5th floor people

### ***Maria Fernanda Salina***

It is a great pleasure to share with you my accomplishments of the last year.

As most of you already know, after finishing my studies at UQ in October 2006 I came directly to Geneva to start my PhD in International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies at University of Geneva. According to the rigorous Swiss standards I should be defending my thesis at the end of this year, however this deadline has been gratefully extended due to a personal reason.



Two important events have occurred in 2009: On Wednesday 27 May I got married here in Geneva with the most adorable man I have ever met, Sébastien.

And as committed Peace Fellow, on 21 September, the International Day of Peace, I brought to this world baby Alexandre. I promise it was not planned, the baby was naturally born on that day.

In sum, my Phd studies are going (but with a maternity leave in the meantime) and I was also



re-invited to teach Public International Law at a Private Institute here in Geneva but I had to refuse this invitation until my life is back to 'normal' or adjusted to my new status of 'Peace Fellow Mum'.

### ***Maiko Shimizu***

Maiko has just completed her 3-year contract with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan that gave her a privilege to work at the Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste as a researcher/advisor in Economic Affairs. (In the end, she was also heavily involved in other areas of the Embassy work, such as International Cooperation, Political Affairs and Public Relations.)



She just returned to Yokosuka, Japan, and is truly enjoying Sakura and beautiful Japanese spring season, which she hasn't seen for the last 7 years while she was out of the country. She also had a great time with the Rotarians at her sponsor Rotary Club, when she gave a talk about her 3-year experiences in Timor-Leste at their weekly

meeting. She is now looking forward to the reunion of other Peace Fellows, Dao, Larissa, and Etsuko (almuni from UQ), for a joint road trip in Japan.

She is selected as this year's JPO (Junior Professional Officer) candidate sponsored by the Government of Japan and now waiting for the next assignment.

The photo was taken during a translation/interpretation for the meeting between the President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Dr. Jose Ramos Horta, and the then Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Mr. Osamu Uno.

## CLASS II

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### ***Brian Adams***

I am still a Ph.D. student in Political Science at the University of Queensland. I am no longer at Griffith University. Instead, I have become the lead international associate with Ullmen Associates, LLC, specialising in conflict management consulting for a broad range of organisations in the Asia-Pacific.

### ***Yoshio Chikamatsu***

Project consultant, Shin Nihon & Co, working on international development projects.

### ***Noelle DePape***

Executive director of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (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.



### ***Mariano Griva***

I am back in Brisbane after an exciting and challenging year in the rain forest in Papua New Guinea where I worked with West Papuan refugees in various refugee camps for Jesuit Refugee Service. I am back working on my PhD at UQ.

### ***Sanjana Hattotuwa***

Sanjana is a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Policy Alternatives and Head of ICT and Peacebuilding at InfoShare, located in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He read English as an undergraduate in Delhi, India and was awarded an Advanced Masters in Conflict Resolution and International Relations from the University of Queensland, Brisbane with a Dean's Commendation for High Achievement.

With a significant body writing, research and on the ground experience, Sanjana is globally recognised as a leader in the design and implementation of ICTs and new media in peacebuilding.

Sanjana is a Special Advisor to the ICT4Peace Foundation based in Geneva, Switzerland. Through the Foundation, Sanjana works to further the use of ICTs in crisis information management and peacekeeping initiatives at the United Nations. As a Fellow of the Center for Information Technology and Dispute Resolution at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, Sanjana contributes to the evolution of Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), with a special focus on mobiles and new media.

In 2008, Sanjana was the first Sri Lankan to be awarded the prestigious News & Knowledge Entrepreneur Fellowship from the US based Ashoka Foundation, recognising significant work in using citizen journalism and online media to strengthen human rights, peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka.



Sanjana is the founding editor of *Groundviews* ([www.groundviews.org](http://www.groundviews.org)), an international award-winning web based citizen journalism initiative widely recognised as one of the most vital sites for critical dissent in Sri Lanka. Sanjana is a frequent commentator on media, politics and communications, and regularly contributes to a range of media in Sri Lanka and internationally.

### ***Josephine Manuel***

I'm still in the academe as Director of the Media Affairs and Publications of the University of Baguio. That does not give me a lot of opportunity to put my Master's degree to practice. But the job is something I love to do aside from it keeps me close to my family.

However, I am active with a local rotary club, the Rotary Club of Baguio North. This is the club that sponsored me to the peace fellowship. I am the club's current director for public relations. So yeah, that makes me a Rotarian. Although I have begged off several times to be a member feeling I'm so unqualified, the club has convinced me that I have talents useful in advancing the goals of Rotary. So I accepted the invitation and became a Rotarian in December 2008.

As my club's director for public relations, it is my task to help in membership growth through our public relations efforts. By publicising our different activities in the tri-media and internet, we hope to attract potential members supportive of Rotary's goals and programs such as the peace fellowship. Our club is also very active in many outreach programs such as medical missions, literacy, and water projects.



I attached here two pictures of our recent club activities. The first attachment is where our club delivered water pipes to be used in a community water system project. Our club is funding the materials and providing technical assistance and the community will render free labour/manpower. You can see me in green t-shirt.

The second attachment is one of our many book drives. Our club donated used and some new books to several elementary schools in the poor part of the city to augment whatever library materials they have.

### ***Colin Spurway***

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

# CLASS I

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## ***Matthew Bright***

Currently teaching Masters and Undergraduate coursework in the School of Political Science and International Studies at UQ'

## ***Francesca Del Mese***

Consultancy work for UNICEF in Sudan.

## ***Carolyn Fanelli***

I still work for Catholic Relief Services. However, in August, I moved to Pakistan, and serve as the Head of Office for CRS in Quetta (located in SW Pakistan, near the Afghan border). Most of our programming is with Afghan refugees.

When the earthquake happened in Haiti, I was sent to Port-au-Prince for seven weeks - I am leaving next week and will visit home before returning to Pakistan. In Haiti, I've been involved in coordinating our support for orphanages and parishes, and also developing our monitoring and evaluation system for emergency programming.

## ***Path Heang***

I am now with UNICEF Cambodia as Youth and Adolescent Development Specialist. My former UNDP project, Access to Justice, comes to conclusion at the end of this month. So I just moved to UNICEF a bit before it finishes. Here at UNICEF, I am working with various stakeholders (government, donor community, NGOs, local government, community and youth groups) to address issues being faced by youth and adolescents in Cambodia which represent a large proportion of the population (those age between 15-24 years old is 32% of the population). I work mainly on policy and national strategic programming. Right now I am working strategic framework for promoting adolescent and youth development and participation. Thematic focus would include education, health, employment, participation, and migration.

With regard to Rotary involvement, I have spoken to Rotary club in Malaysia late last year and met with Rotary delegates from Malaysia who visit Cambodia and spent some time with them. I was invited by another Rotary Club from Malaysia to speak at their fund



raising activities but I was not able to make it because I was on the travel. I propose to speak via skype but their setting was not on time.

### ***Ryan Hendy***

I continue to work with the Canadian Federal Government at the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre (FINTRAC) in Ottawa, Canada. My work at the agency supports investigations related to domestic and international money laundering and terrorist financing. However, over the past year, I took a leave of absence from FINTRAC to deploy with the military to Afghanistan. From March to November, 2009, I served with the Canadian Army in Kandahar Province under the direction of NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). Having previously served as a peacekeeper in Bosnia and with the UN in Sierra Leone, I must say that this was by far, the most challenging and intense of the experiences. In Kandahar, I had several opportunities to work with the community to assist with ongoing development projects while working to stabilize the immediate security situation. Needless to say, I was able to apply conflict resolution techniques and gain deeper insight into the challenges of human security from a soldier's perspective.

Now that I am back in Canada as an Army Reservist, I continue to assist in ongoing training of fellow soldiers who are preparing to deploy to a number of conflict zones throughout the world. I have also returned to FINTRAC to resume my work as an Operations Officer and some of my recent overseas experience has assisted in the ongoing efforts of the agency. I have also maintained contact with Rotary and enjoy visiting my home club of Rotary Windsor St. Clair. Wearing the pin of an honorary Rotarian is a reminder of just how fortunate I have been to be involved in such a relevant and dynamic program. Being a member of Class I continues to be one of the most positive life experiences to date and I will always draw on those experiences in serving community and country!

### ***Amy Kay***

I am still in my same position as Senior Technical Advisor for USAID Health Policy Initiative Task Order One under the Centre for Development and Population Activities. I am the technical lead on the Investing in MENA activity which covers 13 states in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The activity aims to engage People Living with HIV (PLHIV) in



the MENA region and build their capacity as leaders and policy champions while partnering with key stakeholders such as the Ministry of Health and donors. The activity has done a lot to transition support groups, often held in secret to avoid detection and abuse, to create an enabling environment where these support groups have now become NGOs. Our next activity will focus on treatment advocacy because the treatment coverage for People Living with HIV in the region is



the worst in the world. I am also the Orphans and Vulnerable Children Technical Team Leader on the project responsible for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS TB and Malaria activity, Department of Defence activity and Public Law 109-95 activity- all focused on orphans and vulnerable children. I have spoken at a Rotary President Elect Training recently in Orlando where I shared the good news regarding the Rotary World Peace Fellowship and earlier was able to speak with major donors in NYC for UN day. I am now a board member of Hope for Children US- the same organization I worked for during my AFE and we are doing our best to raise funds for a youth center which is a huge evolution from the weekend and after school programmes I started during my time in Addis Ababa working with them. I would love to hear more about what current scholars are up to. I keep in touch with as many RWPF as I can here in DC and we have a growing contingent which is great. Also the article that was based on my RWPF thesis and Paul Harris Seminar presentation which Roland Bleiker and I wrote will now be published as a chapter in an upcoming book 'The Culture of AIDS in Africa: Hope and Healing in Music and Arts.'

### ***Sofia Knöchel Ledberg***

Sofia is 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. Sofia is currently in China doing fieldwork for her thesis.

### ***Rebecca Milligan***

AKA Rivkah Larkan plays violin, co-writes songs and performs internationally with her band, The Wishing Well. Many of the songs have a peace-centered theme. A sampling of The Wishing Well's music is available here:

[www.myspace.com/thewishingwellband](http://www.myspace.com/thewishingwellband).



### ***Christian Oakes***

Christian Oakes is working for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the area of Public Assistance for damages caused by Federally-declared disasters. He has spent time in Maine, New York, and much of the Midwest following floods there. Most recently he was posted in American Samoa after the earthquake and tsunami in October, 2009. Chris is currently seeking a position outside of FEMA to assist in the recovery in Haiti.

# Support Team

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## ***Dr Richard Devetak***

*Director, Rotary Centre for International studies in peace and conflict 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.

## ***Debra McKenzie***

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

Debra McKenzie commenced as the Student Enquiries Officer at the School of Political Science and International Studies in February 2010. As part of this role Debra provides administrative support to the Rotary Peace Centre at the University of Queensland. Debra supports Dr Richard Devetak in his role as Director, by administering the Applied Fieldwork Experience program, organising orientation, induction and welcome events for commencing peace fellows, answering queries and advising peace fellows of application processes and admission procedures, assisting with the coordination of site visits and acting as the contact person for queries from past, current and future fellows. Debra has extensive experience within the University sector, primarily in University libraries and more recently in student administration.

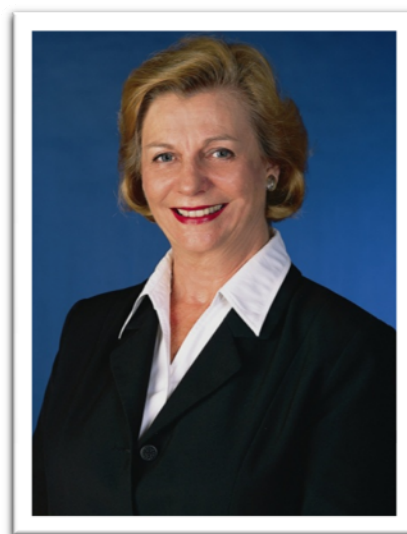


## ***Judy Magub***

*Host Area Coordinator for the Rotary Peace Fellows Program 2005 - 2010*

Judy has been a Rotarian for 20 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 and zone 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 Councillor for Toowong Ward for 13 years until her retirement in 2007



## ***Jill Gunter***

*Rotary Centres Specialist*

Jill works for the Rotary Peace Fellowship program at the Rotary Foundation in the United States. She is responsible for coordinating peace fellows at the University of Queensland, International Christian University and the University of California, Berkeley. Jill also collaborates with Rotarians and university representatives to ensure program quality, as well as program promotion and development. A native of the US, Jill received a BA in French and International Business at Alma College and is currently pursuing an MA in Higher Education Administration and Non-Profit Management at North Park University. Additionally, Jill has lived for a combination of 8 years in France, Northern Ireland, Spain and Japan and speaks fluent French and Spanish. In her free time, Jill enjoys playing volleyball, biking, yoga and traveling.

