

WELCOME FROM THE CENTRE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the University of Queensland's eighth annual 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 Eight Rotary Peace Fellows present their research to a broad audience of Rotarians, academics and the general public. Class Nine 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 up to 110 Peace Fellows attend one of seven Rotary Centres to undertake a Masters Degree or a Professional Development Certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Here at the University of Queensland, our first seven intakes of Peace Fellows have completed their studies and are applying what they learned throughout the world. The Class Eight 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 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. Marianne Hanson

Director of the University of Queensland Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution

BUILDING BRIDGES TOWARDS PEACE

Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar 2011 Program

9am *Registration*

10am *Launch*

Dr. Marianne Hanson – Director Rotary Peace Centre, UQ
Janet Lawrence – Host Area Coordinator Rotary Peace
Centres Program
Robert Fels – International Peace Centre Committee
Member

10:30am *Session #1*

“Being a Child Migrant in a Small Border Town in Thailand”
Giorgio Algeri, Italy

“Community Development in Sierra Leone”
Yuka Kaneko, Japan

“Palestine and Comics”
Joe DeVoir, USA

12 noon *Lunch*

1pm *Session #2*

“I, My Country, and the Quest for Peace”
Humaira Shafi, Pakistan

“Rotary World Peace Fellowship – What Have I Learnt?”
Matti Karvanen, Finland

“The Role of Education in Peace Building”
Sanaz Shahrokni, Iran/Switzerland

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2:45pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
3:15pm	<i>Session #3</i> <i>"Refugees and War Crimes"</i> Jacob Kurtzer, USA <i>"Intellectual Property in China"</i> Bryn Cain, USA <i>Questions and Fellows' Closing</i>
4pm	<i>Rotary Closing and Presentations of Certificates</i>
4:20pm	<i>Close</i>

CLASS VIII



Giorgio ALGERI***Rotary Club of Palermo-Monreale, Italy,
District 2110***

Giorgio Algeri is from Palermo, Sicily where he grew up before completing his undergraduate studies in Political Sciences in 2003. Shortly after his graduation Giorgio lived, studied and worked in several countries including Canada, France, and Portugal. Nevertheless, his one-year experience as social worker with the Missionaries of Charities or Sisters of Mother Teresa in his hometown was undoubtedly one of the most enriching experiences of his life. This “gap” year, indeed, marked his entire subsequent career in development and his deep commitment to child rights and education.



After his postgraduate studies in Asian Studies at Lund University, Sweden, Giorgio engaged with Caritas as project officer in Italy where he helped coordinate overseas volunteer projects, migrant and asylum seekers assistance activities and training courses on human rights. During that time he also spent three months in South India for a monitoring mission on microcredit and education programmes. Prior to commencing his studies at UQ, Giorgio collaborated with the EU liaison office of the international NGO Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF) in Brussels, Belgium and worked as project coordinator for Terre des Hommes Italy (TDH-I) in Bangladesh focusing on child protection programmes.

During his Applied Fieldwork Experience Giorgio decided to spend his time with migrant communities in Asia. As a volunteer researcher he served with one organization called Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) along the Thai/Myanmar border where he successfully conducted a Needs Assessment Study to investigate the circumstances where migrant Burmese children were forced to work. In his study he suggested some key recommendations for the implementation of vocational training opportunities for the Burmese children he interviewed and interacted with during his three-month experience in Thailand.



Upon graduation from the University of Queensland, Giorgio is committed to continue working for International Non-Governmental Organizations in developing countries, and to become a specialist in Child Protection policies.

Giorgio is extremely grateful to the Rotary Peace Fellowship Programme and the precious support received by his Rotary Counsellors and Rotary friends during his time in Australia.

Bryn CAIN***Rotary Club of Bricktown, Oklahoma City, USA, District 5750***

Bryn Cain is originally from Oklahoma City in the central United States. When she was 15, she moved to Brisbane, Australia to be a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in District 9630. She returned to Oklahoma to finish high school and has been moving ever since. She went to Richmond University in London for her undergraduate degree in International Relations (IR) and Economics. During the summers, she did various activities related to IR including working at the World Trade Center in Albany, NY; studying Chinese in Tianjin, China and working fulltime at the Foreign Press Association in London planning high level press conferences. To further expand her knowledge of international trade and development, she joined the United States Peace Corps.



With the Peace Corp she spent two years in Senegal, West Africa as a small business development consultant. Her work included teaching business classes, working one-on-one with entrepreneurs, conducting leadership trainings with high school aged girls, assisting UNHCR with the repatriation of refugees to Mauritania, leading USAID English summer camps and distributing treated mosquito nets in multiple villages to prevent the spread of malaria. After Senegal, she moved to Austin, TX to work (and swing dance) for a year before returning to Brisbane as a Rotary World Peace Fellow.



She is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bricktown in Oklahoma City and hosted by the club of West Brisbane Daybreak. She recently returned from Hong Kong where she spent three months interning with the US Commercial Service division of the US Consulate for her Applied Field Experience. Her work focused on helping US companies invest and enter the Hong Kong and Chinese markets and the myriad challenges involved. Specifically, she did business matching, planned the contingent of US companies to the Asian Aerospace Expo trade show and wrote market research reports on investing in Taobao, the Hong Kong film industry and

electric vehicle usage. She also participated in numerous roundtables about protecting the intellectual property of US businesses in Hong Kong and China. As a result of these discussions, she chose to write her thesis on China's state capacity to protect intellectual property.

After receiving her master's from UQ, Bryn will be returning to Austin, TX at the end of the year and hopes to continue working in economic development and international trade.

Jacob 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 non 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. His responsibilities included advising the Congressman on a wide range of legislative issues, including foreign affairs, natural resources, criminal justice policy as well as representing the Congressman in meetings with constituents, advocacy groups and the media. 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, monitoring the electoral process in solo, Indonesia.



While at UQ, Jake has served as a tutor for undergraduates for two semesters. He conducted his applied field experience in Tel Aviv, Israel working at Gisha – Legal Center for Freedom of Movement. At Gisha, Jake worked with Israeli and Palestinian human rights lawyers, seeking to promote the right to freedom of movement for all Palestinians living in Gaza.

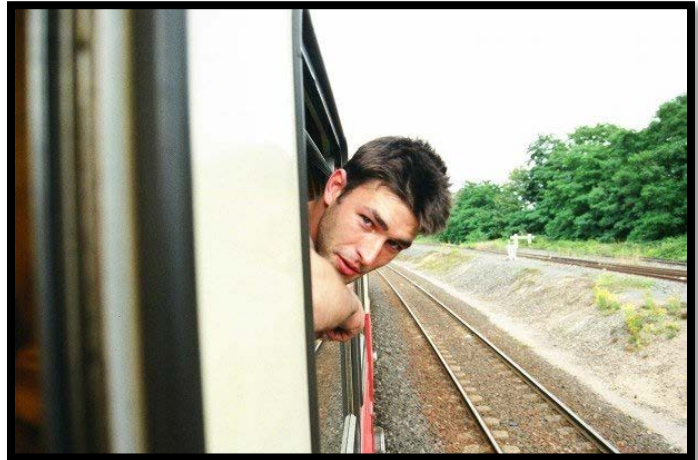


Jake was born in Manhattan, NY, and immediately moved with his family to Cairo, Egypt. After spending three years in Cairo, Jake moved to Herzeliya, Israel where he lived until moving to the Washington DC metropolitan area at age 7. Upon graduating high school, Jake moved back to Mevaseret Zion, Israel, where he spent a year in a seminary studying Jewish law and history. He graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a degree in philosophy and a citation in religious studies. While at the University of Maryland, Jake participated for two years in the College Park Scholars Public Leadership Seminar. He also served as a legislator in the Student Government and had his own radio show on WMUC. Jake also started the University of Maryland chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. 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. While living in Washington, DC, Jake was the President of the Dorchester House tenants association, and served as a reading mentor for local elementary school students as part of the "Everybody Wins!" program.

Joseph DEVOIR

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

Joseph DeVoir is a former Ambassadorial Scholar from the Midwestern United States. His sponsor club is in St Joseph Michigan where his grandparents reside. While attending the University of Bath as an Ambassadorial Scholar, Joseph earned a Masters in International Policy Analysis. Prior to attending the University of Queensland, Joseph has spent most of his time focused upon the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



Having lived in the Palestinian city of Ramallah for a number of years, Joseph has had the opportunity to work for a number of different local and international organizations in fields ranging from policy research to political satire. Joseph has published four books on the conflict and international development policy with the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute and the Health, Development and Information Policy Institute. He has also contributed regular material to a number of local and international news organizations.

During the Peace Fellowship's Applied field Experience component, he chose to return to Palestine and work for the United Nations International Labour Organization in East Jerusalem. Whilst there, Joseph had the opportunity to learn about international and local labour policy, liaise with decision makers and stakeholders in the public and private sectors and unions.



Joseph's return to Ramallah was motivated by more than his long relationship with the region, he is also writing his thesis about peace building and development under occupation. Like much of his previous work, his thesis will be illustrated in an effort to introduce more complex academic ideas to the broader public by making them more simplified and accessible. His presentation at the seminar will focus on these themes and how they relate to the work of Rotary International.

Following the completion of the Peace Fellowship, Joseph plans to return to the occupied Palestinian territories to continue working in the field of advocacy. There is a new Rotary Club there where he has been an honorary

member for the last six months. Following the completion of the Fellowship, he will be able to finally attend a Rotary meeting as a full member, rather than as a guest. Something he has been waiting to do for 6 years.

Matti KARVANEN***Rotary Club of Helsinki, Finland, District 1420***

Matti 'Masa' Karvanen, is a Class VIII Rotary World Peace Fellow from Finland. His professional interest lies in African politics and conflicts, in particular those of the Horn of Africa, of which he became interested after having served 12 months as a UN peacekeeper in the UNMEE operation in Ethiopia and Eritrea, in 2003-2004. Masa served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal specialist in the Finnish Guard and Headquarters Company.

Since finishing his 25-month-service with the Finnish Rapid Deployment Force in late-2004, Matti has gained work experience from South Africa, Canada, Sweden, Czech Republic, Belgium and Australia, with organisations varying from the Finland's Foreign Ministry to university institutions, NGOs and the UN. Among else, he has got involved in managing the Finnish government's local development assistance projects in Southern Africa, and before commencing his fellowship in Australia he performed a 6-month internship with the UN Refugee Agency's Regional Office for Baltic and Nordic Countries, getting involved in monitoring the European Union asylum policy.

For his summer internship, or 'Applied Field Experience', at the University of Queensland, Masa worked for three months with the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) in Brussels, which included writing papers on EU Small Arms and Light Weapons Policy, as well as on the EU's involvement in third countries' Security Sector Reform (SSR). During his studies in Brisbane Matti has also worked part-time as a Project Assistant with the UQ Centre for Communication and Social Change (CfCSC), located in the School of Journalism and Communication, which focuses on participatory development practises in the Asia-Pacific region, applying communication processes and methods to allow social change to happen in communities. Masa's tasks have included assisting in drafting project proposals, and writing funding applications.



Matti holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences in Development Studies from the University of Helsinki. He has also conducted a Master's programme in Development Studies, but did not get to write his Master's thesis, as he left to South Africa to work with the Finnish Embassy. After finishing his fellowship he plans to return to Finland and finish the missing thesis from his Development Studies programme. At the same time, he is planning to start applying for junior professional positions with the UN, EU, or other organisations to gain more invaluable work experience in the field of conflict resolution and international development. In the coming years he also hopes to conduct a PhD programme, possibly in the UK or the US.

Sanaz SHAHROKNI

*Rotary Club of Thonon Genevois International,
Switzerland & France, District 1780*

Sanaz Shahrokni is from Dezfoul, Iran. She completed her undergraduate degree in French literature at the University of Shahid Beheshti, Tehran, before deciding to continue a postgraduate degree in Geneva, Switzerland, in the same field.

Before starting her peace fellowship at University of Queensland, Sanaz was a teacher and also worked in a travel agency. She was teaching in preschool and high school while also organizing tours in Iran. These two jobs taught her a lot about her country. And one of the most important factors that she had in the center of her attention was the importance of education in changing the future of the children of a country and therefore the future of the country itself. To whom we give this chance and to whom we don't, we shall expect them to pay back to the country in the same way with what they have been given. Education includes all the important aspects of a peaceful life such as education for a better future in society, health, environment and etc. This became even more crucial when we realize that many notions such as hate and love, peace and war are taught to the children of each country. So no matter what our profession is we can aim our job to help peace in the world. Thus she continued with her cultural and educational work in Geneva. She was working as a teacher in a language school and in a Swiss-Iranian cultural foundation and as an employee in a travel agency. Sanaz worked as well in an organization for peace as volunteer for 6 months before she left Geneva to do her Masters in peace and conflict resolution at University of Queensland.



Sanaz recently returned from working in a remote village in Solomon Islands where she lived and worked with the community for two months. She combined her new skills in peace studies with her previous profession as a teacher. Her main interest was helping children and improving the community's life, particularly the situation of women. She worked as a teacher in the primary school which had been closed for several months due to lack of teacher. She assisted the community by introducing health and environmental workshops. She was active in helping community to solve the disagreements between two committees upon the budget for micro projects in the village and helped them to reorganize their committees to start working together again for the community.

Sanaz also helped to empower the women within community by helping them to have a money resource and a voice in the community during her stay.

After graduating from University of Queensland, Sanaz would like to continue her work as a teacher or an employee in one of the international organizations within the UN. She would love to work particularly with children and women and to help them to have a better future with more hope and peace. Refugees' camps could be a great place for her to start. And as Iranian she feels a duty to help her compatriots to have a better future as well.

Yuka KANEKO

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

Yuka KANEKO (Yuka), is from Japan, Saitama Prefecture and was sponsored by the Rotary Club in Kumagaya City in Saitama. Her host Rotary Club in Australia is the Rotary Club of Archerfield. While studying International Socio-Cultural Studies at Keisen University, she spent many months doing voluntary work helping asylum seekers and refugees in Japan with housing and legislation support, whilst also helping to conduct research into the issue of child prostitution in Chiangmai, Thailand. After graduating with a Bachelor Degree from the University, she spent the first four years of her professional career with the Japanese branch of the Catholic Committee for Asylum-seekers, Refugees and Migrant Workers. She then acquired further experience with the Japan International Cooperation Agency, working as a project coordinator for different units within JICA for three years.

During her Applied Field Experience, as an intern with JICA, Yuka was tasked with conducting feasibility surveys and analysis for community development projects in the Kambia District of Sierra Leone. In order to figure out the community's needs, her team conducted surveys with civilians in Kambia through community workshops. Furthermore, to improve service delivery and the development capacity of the district officers, they funded the construction of small infrastructure projects in various communities, including water pumps and footpaths. Throughout the process, the team instructed district officers about the details of the administrative management processes in community development, and supported community development by funding basic infrastructural improvements.



Yuka's long-term goals are to work for an international organization such as UNHCR, and to spend some time with an international NGO; as she is convinced that it is through closer relationships between such organizations that international understanding and world peace will advance to the next stage.

Humaira SHAFI**Rotary Club of Abbottabad, Pakistan, District 3270**

Having had a motor vehicle accident after leaving the final interview for the Rotary Peace Fellowship, she never thought that she would be forced to spend one and half years of her life undergoing ankle operations that would still leave her with a permanent disability. But did it put a 'stop' to her ambitious quest for Peace? The answer is "NO".

Meet Humaira Shafi from Pakistan. Masters in Political Science and a professional lawyer, Humaira has worked for the eradication of poverty and the promotion of education not only through her NGO (Al Ansar Society) but also through her legal and advisory skills. One would think she had enough on her plate, but she said:

In Pakistan, like any other country, education is a prerequisite for gaining knowledge about the issues disrupting peace and goodwill among various groups of people. These groups may be divided along geographical, ethnic or religious lines at a global or macro level but the seeds of the conflicts between societies are sown at a more local or micro level. At the root of every conflict between two sets of people lies a lack of knowledge and understanding about each other. This can be observed in conflicts between individuals, families, societies and also between larger groups such as countries and races. How do these people see the world? How do they judge "them" versus "us"? More often than not, people rely on hearsay and half-baked theories propounded by their teachers and community leaders to know about other communities. So, my aim is to study different conflicts in societies that not only divide them but also disrupt peace.



Her studies as a Rotary Peace Fellow have reinforced her beliefs. She hopes to do well in her studies at the University of Queensland and then return to Pakistan to apply her knowledge. She did her AFE in Dubai where she worked as an assistant coordinator in an NGO called Zia Siddique Foundation. Her dream is to expand her work far and wide and to teach the future generations in a way that promotes tolerance, love and curiosity rather than parochialism, isolation and suspicion of the unknown.

CLASS IX



**James ABRAHAM**

***Rotary Club of Bergenfield-Dumont, New Jersey, USA,
District 7490***

James is a first generation American living in New York whose family is originally from Kerala, India. With dual bachelor degrees in Computer Science and Economics from Rutgers University, NJ, he started his career working at the United Nations headquarters in NY straight after graduation. After exploring various departments within the UN over the past 7 years, James had taken a specific interest in peacekeeping operations and had transferred to Dili, Timor-Leste

from 2006-2008 to assist in recruiting and training staff for the country's parliamentary elections in 2007. Realizing his goals required further education, he returned to the US to pursue his MBA while also continuing to work in UNHQ-NY. James is currently a staff member of the United Nations on special leave to attend UQ. He aspires to return to the field with a focus on sustainable development.

Abdikheir AHMED

***Rotary Club of Charleswood, Winnipeg, Canada, Rotary
District 5550***

Prior to coming to the University of Queensland, Abdikheir Ahmed worked with the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (IRCOM) Inc. in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada as a Program Coordinator helping with the settlement of newcomer immigrant and refugee communities in Winnipeg's inner city. His work focused mainly on settlement issues, gang and street crime prevention and peaceful coexistence amongst immigrant and aboriginal communities.



Before moving to Canada in 2003, Abdi worked with a number of organizations in Kenya, including Oxfam Quebec and CARE International on programs aimed at resolving natural resource conflicts between nomadic pastoralist communities in Northern Kenya.

Over his career, Abdi has cultivated an interest in exploring emerging challenges for peace building and conflict resolution in the Horn of Africa countries, environment and natural resource conflict and the role of outside interests in the ongoing conflict in Somalia. Abdi undertook his undergraduate studies in Environmental Planning and Management in Kenyatta University in Nairobi, Kenya and International Development Studies at the University of Winnipeg in Manitoba, Canada.

In between semester breaks Abdi shuttles between Australia and Canada where he left his family; his wife Saadia and two boys; four year old Mohamed and two year old Ibrahim.

Pantea BEIGI***Rotary club of Commerce City, Colorado district 5450***

Pani is an Iranian-American human rights advocate from Rotary District 5450 of Colorado. Born and raised in Tehran, in the aftermath of the Iranian Islamic Revolution and during the 1980s Iran-Iraq war, Pani immigrated to the U.S. with her mother and sister at the age of 13. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Speech Communication with a citation in Journalism from the Metropolitan State College of Denver. Prior to her arrival at UQ, she served as an AmeriCorps member for the PeaceJam Foundation, where she worked with a number of Nobel Peace Laureates and youth on a wide range of humanitarian projects. She is a liaison for 2003 Nobel Peace Laureate and human rights lawyer Dr. Shirin Ebadi and has used her journalism background in creating media campaigns for political prisoners in Iran and elsewhere in the world. As a peace educator working with youth populations she has been addressing conditions of social and economic injustice faced by underprivileged children in the United States and around the globe. Pani believes many of these conditions can be alleviated if not eradicated and plans to use her Master of International Studies to influence international public policy in favor of civil and human rights.

***Cody GRIGGERS******Rotary Club of Dublin, TX, USA, District 5790***

Cody Griggers has worked in Thailand in the field of advocacy communications for the past 10 years, developing issue-based multimedia campaigns for UN agencies, NGOs and development organizations across the world. He has also worked with Ashoka to identify and promote social entrepreneurs in Thailand, as well as with the Kenan Institute Asia on maximising Thailand's national competitiveness.

Cody began his career as a university instructor in northern Thailand through the Princeton-in-Asia program. He grew up on a ranch in a rural Texas farming community with a strong Rotary presence, which instilled a deep sense of service that he has worked to maintain throughout his decade of experience abroad.

A 2001 graduate of Princeton University, Cody holds a degree in English Literature and American Cultural Studies. After completing his degree at UQ, Cody hopes to combine his academic experience and formal studies of Arabic with the goal of working in the field of conflict transformation in the Middle East and North Africa.

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

Summer hails from Manhattan, Kansas, USA, also known as “The Little Apple.” She graduated from Kansas State University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology, modern languages: Spanish, and women’s studies, with summa cum laude honours. As a student, Summer developed a fair trade project with an indigenous Guatemalan women’s textile cooperative, marketing the weavings in the US. Inspired by this partnership, Summer joined Equal Exchange, the oldest and largest US fair trade company and worked with faith-based relief and human rights organizations to connect communities of faith with small-scale coffee, tea, and chocolate farmers. Summer has been involved in social justice initiatives at Kansas State University through her work with the Women’s Studies Program, the Nonviolence Studies Program, the Women’s Center, Leadership Studies, and a local food project. She also served as the liaison for guest and employee relations at the Asian University for Women, an institution in Chittagong, Bangladesh dedicated to cultivating women leaders committed to social and economic advancement of their communities.



Summer has travelled, studied, and lived in fifteen countries and she speaks Spanish and Italian. She is the author of two articles detailing her ongoing work with “The Women Who Weave,” “‘Comercio con Justicia’ and Theory in Action at a Guatemalan Women’s Textile Cooperative” in *Democracy Works: Joining Theory and Action to Foster Global Change* (2008) and “‘Women Who Needed to Earn a Living Yesterday’: Challenging the Global Economy Through Home-Based Labor” in *Women at Work* (2010). Summer is interested in how factors involved in food systems—natural resources, labour, health, culture, gender, poverty, and trade—are related to peace and conflict.

**Maki MIZUNO-SHA*****Rotary Club of Tsushima, Japan, District 2760***

Maki Mizuno-Shaw is from Tsushima, in Aichi prefecture, Japan, and is happily married with two daughters. Maki graduated from Hiroshima University with a Master in educational development in 1999. She conducted several field researches, focusing on education and people in vulnerable situations, in the Philippines and Thailand. There she met children whose day to day life was picking through garbage at a dumpsite and girls less than fifteen years of age infected by HIV/AIDS and STDs through early sexual exposure. These trips made her aware of the

need for education and directed her towards the future.

In her ten year career as an educational developer, Maki spent most of the time in the Caribbean. She resided in Jamaica and worked for the Caribbean’s development within the field of education through universities, governments, NGOs and United Nations. Her most remarkable experience was the time she worked with teachers and students from inner city communities. Their schools were affected by gang violence and poverty. She understood that education is the foundation of human development, and a peaceful environment is necessary for a quality education.

Having a strong focus in education throughout her career, additional studies in peace building, conflict resolution and international relations will expand Maki’s capacity and working opportunities in the education field.

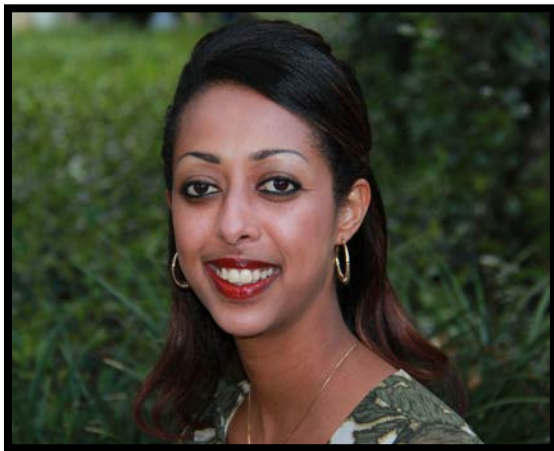
Erla SIGURÐARDÓTTIR***Rotary Club of Hafnarfjarðar, Iceland, District 9803***

Erla has a Bachelor of Arts degree in social anthropology, graduating from the University of Iceland in 2002. She has also worked and studied in countries like Germany, Switzerland, Greenland and Nicaragua. After graduating, she enjoyed spending 6 years directing qualitative researches at Gallup in Iceland. She worked for ICEIDA (Icelandic International Development Agency) in Nicaragua and has worked as an elementary school teacher along with her master's in education.



Before coming to Brisbane she enjoyed being on maternity leave with her son. While on maternity leave she let the art goddess within herself loose and started knitting and crocheting and ended up publishing two best selling knitting books as well as volunteering for Amnesty International in Iceland.

Erla is here with her husband Viggi and two children, daughter Vera age 6 and son Krummi age 1, and together they are enjoying this opportunity Rotary has given them to live and learn in beautiful Brisbane.

***Luladay Aragaw TRUNEH******Rotary Club of Addis Ababa Central-Mella, Ethiopia, District 9200***

Picking up an interest in advancing peace, Luladay has ventured towards realizing her aspirations by supporting small initiatives with significant impact. She joined the United Nations Volunteers Programme in Addis Ababa, at an early stage of her career and has for several years contributed to the 'Volunteering for Peace and Development' vision of the Programme. Since 2005 she has been supporting the Ethiopia Committee of the global United World Colleges initiative with a mission of making education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for

peace and a sustainable future. In 2008, Luladay, among three other compatriots from East Africa, received an award for a Rotary International Group Study Exchange to the northern California District 5160, an initiative to foster peace and international understanding. Luladay holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and International Relations, and now continues the path of peace as a Rotary World Peace Fellow in Australia.

ALUMNI

CLASS VII (2008-10)



Rose Foley

After a stint improving her Spanish in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rose took up a post as a Media Relations Officer for the UK branch of the children's charity, Plan International. She is now based in London, but travels overseas as required. Plan works for young people and their communities in 48 countries across Asia, Africa and the Americas.

Since joining Plan in November, her work has focused on Southern Sudan. The region is set to become the world's newest country (South Sudan) on July 9. Southern Sudanese people are still recovering from a brutal civil war with the North, which lasted more than twenty years. Two million people were killed and four million displaced. In December, Rose travelled to Sudan and met some amazing young men and women who were child soldiers, or were forced to flee the country, during the conflict. They missed years of schooling but are now training in Plan's vocational school in the Southern capital, Juba. They will enter trades such as building, carpentry and metal work. Among them are Southern Sudan's first female mechanics. Rose produced a number of broadcast and print stories that featured on media outlets like the BBC, the Guardian newspaper, and the Associated Press. .

Recently, she has been closely involved with the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, Plan's support for refugees fleeing the violence in Ivory Coast, and taking part in disaster response training in Mutare, Zimbabwe. If you would like more details about Plan, you can find it at: www.plan-uk.org

Joseph Hongoh

Joseph Hongoh Graduated with Class VII in July 2010. In November 2010, he won the International Student of the Year award in the category of Higher Education at the 2010 Queensland Education and Training International Awards for Excellence. In the same month, he received the International Postgraduate Research Scholarship from the University of Queensland to pursue a PhD at the School of Political Science and International Studies. Currently, Joseph is a PhD candidate at the University and hoping to use the extra skills and his life experience to motivate others on the value of education.



Apart from his academic life, Joseph has been active within the Diverse Community of Brisbane. Between May 2010 and early this year, he served as Community Development Officer – Diversity with the Brisbane City Council implementing Intercultural relations Project Jointly Supported by Brisbane City Council and Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The project aims to increase knowledge, understanding and respect among diverse cultural groups. It also seeks to create a group of Elders and Leaders who will continue to meet to strengthen their skills and capacity to promote and support positive intercultural relations. Additionally, the project bring young people from diverse backgrounds together in cooperative activities, and to work in partnership with the Elders and Leaders to share their experience with each other and the wider community. The role also involves developing frameworks for intergenerational Dialogue to resolve intergenerational conflict among diverse communities in Brisbane; and conducting analysis of intercultural conflicts and existing response strategies within Brisbane.



Fanney Karlsdóttir

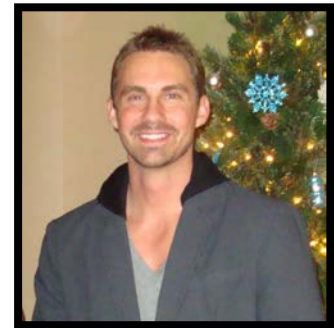
After graduation from UQ last year, Fanney returned back home to Iceland, where she has settled down with her husband and son. While waiting for her daughter, Edda, to be born in October, she volunteered at the headquarters of the Icelandic Red Cross. She assisted with promotion of a national fundraising event, which focused on collecting donations for children in need in Malawi, Mozambique and Sierra Leone. During this work she was interviewed by the largest Icelandic newspaper and had the

opportunity to promote the Rotary Peace Fellowship at the same time.

Fanney enjoyed her maternity leave until March this year when her husband took over. Since then Fanney has been a project manager for a group of Icelandic companies that together are establishing a centre for corporate social responsibility (CSR). The centre will be located in one of the main universities in Iceland, promoting knowledge about CSR in Iceland and strengthening companies' competence to implement CSR in their business. This project has clear links to her focus while studying at UQ and the experience she got during her applied field experience at the UN Global Compact. Therefore, she feels fortunate to be able to continue working in connection with her interest in the private sector as a partner in peacebuilding.

David Kozar

David is currently working as an International Development Officer for the International Projects Unit of the Office of Commercial Services at the Queensland University of Technology. In his role David is coordinating AusAID Public Sector Linkages Programs and Australian Leadership Award Fellowships for Latin America and Africa. David has developed AusAID program concepts in Mexico (anti-corruption) and Paraguay (rural education).



Since completing his Master of International Studies at the University of Queensland in 2010, David has also continued his work as the Kosovo Country Coordinator for Training Workshops International (TWI) for the Children. He will be leading a team of volunteers to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro in July to deliver children's educational and adult leadership programs designed to help build peace and understanding in the Balkans.



David LaMotte

David is splitting his time between working as the Program Associate for Peace for the North Carolina Council of Churches and touring to speak and play music, as well as being a dad to Mason and husband to Deanna, and writing a book. He is also continuing to serve as the Program Director for my small non-profit, PEG Partners, which work with schools and libraries in Guatemala. David returned there in February before making a quick trip to Australia to speak at a district conference in Canberra. He is also a few months into a three-year term on the AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) Nobel Peace Prize Nomination Committee, and enjoying that work and the interesting conversations that grow out of it.

David and his family will be moving to Chapel Hill, North Carolina in July so that Deanna can begin a masters program in Public Health at UNC. Part of her attraction to that program is the idea that they will be able to offer compatible skills in future work in developing countries. Their son Mason is 2 and half year old now, and still says "nappy" instead of diaper and "cuddle" instead of hug - he'll always be part Australian!

Jeniece Olsen

Jeniece was hired last year as an Implementation Project Coordinator for the Australian Red Cross. However, since the Queensland floods, she has been deployed to the Lockyer Valley region as an Operations Manager for the Community Recovery Unit. In this role she liaises with local Council and various government and non-government organizations regarding community recovery strategies. In particular, Red Cross provides personal support, outreach, and community support to affected areas.



In her spare time, Jeniece continues to volunteer with the Romero Centre, an organization that supports refugees from Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. A narrative project that she has been working on for the past year and a half is finally ready for publication. The launch of the book (Australia, We Are Here) and CD will take place in June. The aim of the project is to celebrate the resilience, strengths, and knowledge utilized by refugee communities in their journey to making Australia their new home.



Pamela Ann S. Padilla

Since her return to the Philippines last August, Pamela has been working for the Government of the Republic of the Philippines Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process as a Peace Program Officer assigned to manage the internally displaced people (IDP) Core Shelter Program in two provinces in the South of the Philippines. It is a program under the government's national program for peace-building, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of conflict-affected areas (CAAs). The IDP Core Shelter Program seeks to provide core shelter assistance for IDPs and target beneficiaries in Mindanao who are victims of the 2008 clashes between the government and the rogue commanders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

The program recognizes that the provision of basic shelters is the first step in the road to normalcy or an improved situation for the IDPs. Aside from shelters, they also endeavor to find other sources of funding for complementary services such as WASH (water supply, sanitation and hygiene), health and educational facilities, and psychosocial services, among others, to ensure the IDPs' and their host communities' holistic development. Through this program, it is hoped to not just build houses but also communities.

Zuzana Petovska

In August 2010 Zuska moved to the 'Peace Capital', Geneva, where she is continuing working for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in its Headquarters office. She is working in the Division of International Protection. 2011 marks commemorations of the 60th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and Zuska is closely working with the Commemorations Team, providing support to projects such as Environmental Change and Human Mobility, Regional Dialogues with women and girls, implemented in cooperation with Australian National Committee on Refugee Women and number of expert meetings on Reduction of Statelessness, Climate Change and Displacement.



The work in Headquarter and close proximity to the Palais des Nations gives Zuska opportunities to gain experiences from attending high level meetings such as Executive Committee meetings, the High Commissioner's dialogue and UNHCR Ministerial Meetings.

Since in Geneva, Zuska has received warm welcome and friendship from RC Thonon Genevois International, she has met many nice and inspirational people, spent winter skiing in altitude of 3330m, in beautiful Swiss ski resort in Verbier. Central location of Geneva also gave her opportunity to be in touch with her family and friends in Slovakia and to maintain professional links with the asylum issues in the Central Europe. She is keeping in touch with her Tiwi family and planning a visit to the Tiwi Islands, NT, in June 2011.

CLASS VI (2007-09)

Lydia Bulmer

Lydia is currently working as a Grade One Teacher in a not-for-profit school in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. Having now worked there for two years, she is looking for work in the field of International Development again. Lydia hopes that she'll be able to use her experience gained in the Middle East, and take it with her to work for peace.

Of course teaching is not so farfetched from the World of Conflict Resolution. Working with six year olds from a multitude of backgrounds, she has been able to teach them about being good global citizens. Within her teaching, she incorporates learning about poverty, justice and environmental issues. As such, she hopes to educate a new generation into being the future leaders to create a more just and sustainable world.

***Veronica Hynes***

Veronica and her husband Michael are back in Mendoza, Argentina. She is committed to her legal work at her office. She is also involved in environmental law studies, through the Environmental Law Commission at the Mendoza Bar Association. Both are enjoying travelling around Argentina.

Kathy Clark

After graduation, Kathy spent time in Sweden and Lebanon, before moving to the US to take the position of Resettlement Director with the International Rescue Committee. She has stayed engaged with Rotary clubs/members in various countries throughout the world and remains grateful and committed to the organization, its principles and its members.

***Janelle Weissman***

Janelle joined the senior leadership team of Family Planning Queensland (FPQ) in 2010. Through its network of nine regional centres across Queensland, FPQ provides health care; trains doctors, nurses and health workers; and supports teachers, disability workers, and community sector professionals to effectively deliver sexuality and relationships education. As Director of Communications and Development, she facilitates the development of resources on a range of topics from child protection to sexual assault prevention; manages media relations; and

promotes key activities to support FPQ's vision of sexual and reproductive health for all. Janelle also serves on the Management Committee of Children by Choice, and sings in the Brisbane Chorale.

Amanda Rader

Amanda has continued to work with Carpe Diem International Education which is an experiential education organization with headquarters in Portland, Oregon. Last year, she led two groups of youth between the ages of 17 and 22; in the spring, travelling with them to Ecuador & Peru, and in the fall, through northern India. On their three-month long semesters, they engaged in a variety of activities including community service, cultural immersion and language study, trekking, and short-term internships. Her work as Program Leader requires wearing a lot of different 'hats', but most of all she enjoys encouraging and challenging students, and loves witnessing them as they come alive in new cultures in ways they'd never experienced before.



Currently, she is travelling throughout the southwestern United States in hopes of launching a new program that promotes greater understanding of our Indigenous cultures. For this project, Amanda travelled back to the Navajo community on which she did a focus study for her UQ course in Conflict Resolution, so she is appreciating that continuation of thought on very complex issues between native and non-native populations in the US.

***Virorth Doung***

After graduation at UQ, Virorth returned back to Cambodia pursuing his professional career as Research Coordinator on Social Development at Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI). He conducted few research projects related to security and conflict, gender and electoral process in Cambodia. Then Virorth moved to work for United Nations Development Programme in Cambodia (UNDP) as national consultant on electoral and democratic space during 2010. Currently Virorth is conducting research on local governance for the World Bank.

Ryan Moore

Ryan continues his work in Northern Ireland working for Local Government in the promotion of Good Relations. The Good Relations programme aims to foster better relations between the divided communities of Ireland, promoting mutual understanding and generating cross community contact and cooperation. This past year has included a number of cultural diversity and reconciliation projects particularly in the Protestant/Unionist/Loyalist communities on the issues of flags and emblems and the traditional bonfire season.

On a personal level, Ryan has also committed to a four year learning programme in association with Mediation Northern Ireland on international mediation and cross cultural facilitation. The programme is both academic and practical in content and has offered opportunities to work in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.



Marcos Zunino

Since graduating, Marcos has been working as an Undersecretary for the Judicial Power of Buenos Aires Province in Argentina. His job requires researching and analyzing complex legal cases which involve human rights and environmental issues. In that capacity, Marcos has become a member of the College of Magistrates and Functionaries of Buenos Aires Province.

An article he wrote based on the research he conducted as a Peace Fellow, "Releasing Transitional Justice from the Technical Asylum: Judicial Reform in Guatemala seen through Techne and Phronesis", appeared in the March 2011 issue of the International Journal of Transitional Justice, published by Oxford University Press. Moreover, another article of his, "La Apreciación de la Prueba en el Proceso Civil", was published in Doctrina Judicial Procesal in February 2011.

Furthermore, he has travelled around India; spoken at several Rotary events and joined the Rotary Alumni Association of District 4825. Last October he was very pleased to receive the visit of two other Peace Fellows of Class VI; Emily Todd and Ryan Moore who came, respectively from Washington and Dervock in Northern Island.

Kevin Melton

During the last year, Kevin Melton has continued his governance and development work in Afghanistan. Throughout 2010, Kevin worked in the Southern province of Kandahar with military and civilian counterparts as part of District Stabilization Team (DST) to help shape and develop reconstruction and development strategies and activities at the grassroots level. He regularly communicated and coordinated with local government officials, military personnel, bilateral donors, UN Organizations, International Organizations, and indigenous and international NGOs to ensure visibility and synergy in civil military efforts.

Since January 2011, Kevin has been working in Kabul as a governance and development advisor to NATO headquarters and to ISAF Commander General David Petraeus. He provides policy guidance and strategic and operational analysis and helps coordinate civil military planning efforts with bilateral and multilateral organizations, donors and embassies. His main focus is on linking high threat stability activities with longer term governance and development effects. He also



participates with ISAF transition strategic planning in governance and economic development efforts in coordination with Afghan ministries.

CLASS V (2006-08)



Andrea Fanta

Since returning from University of Queensland, Andrea has returned to work for the State of Tennessee as an International Project Specialist in the Department of Economic and Community Development, where she managed a community development program for rural towns and cities in Tennessee. Andrea has recently accepted a new position with the Southern Regional Headquarters of Allstate Insurance Corporation, where she works in Corporate Relations. Part of her duties includes coordinating disaster relief volunteer efforts for employees who wish to help

neighbors affected by storms in the Tennessee region.

Ville-Veikko Pitkänen

Ville-Veikko is currently working for the Crisis Management Centre Finland (CMC Finland), which is a governmental organisation under the Finnish government. The organisation's main aim is to train and recruit experts for international civilian crisis management and peacebuilding missions as well as conduct research focusing on these areas. His current role there is to plan and conduct trainings for civilian crisis management experts and "peacebuilders". In this work he is able to apply the studies done through the Rotary. Family wise it goes smoothly as well – Luukas, his son, with whom also lived in Brisbane, has now two little brothers. The photo attached is from a recent work-trip to Cairo, where he helped train diplomats, lawyers and NGO workers on Gender aspect in peace support operations.



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 consequence of this process has for the role of the military in Chinese society. Sofia is currently in China doing fieldwork for her thesis.



Kristin Prost

Kristin Prost currently lives in Arlington, Virginia, just outside of Washington D.C. and works in Quantico, Virginia, with the United States Marine Corps as a researcher. Since joining the Translational Research Group, she has worked on a guideline principles for teaching "culture general," presented her Afghanistan experiences to small groups of Marines, and researched the

effectiveness of the Marine Corps culture and language training program in preparing Marines for deployment.

Her experience working with the Marines began in September 2009, when she spent nine months in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, as a Social Science researcher with a Human Terrain Team (HTT7). While there, she conducted outside-the-wire research interviews with Afghan males, primarily in *Nawa* and *Marjeh* Districts. She produced culturally informed reports on *Reintegration of Low-Level Taliban*, *Land Tenure in Marjeh*, and *Female Engagement*, as well as various village and leadership assessments from interviews with over 150 Afghans in 35 different villages. She also produced cultural training that prepared incoming Marines for their new environment and how to work with their Afghan security partners.

Prior to working in Afghanistan, Ms. Post graduated from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, Class V, RWPF. Her Applied Field Experience (AFE) was in Acre, Israel. She has traveled to over 48 countries on five continents. Australia, and Brisbane, will always be close to her heart. She is proud of the residents of Brisbane who've shown great fortitude and good humor despite the floods and devastation they left behind. And she is ever grateful to Rotary for the opportunities she's been given, and is currently serving as the provisional President of a happy hour club that meets in Washington, D.C. If you are in the area, look us up on Facebook (the Rotary Club of Dupont Circle) and come to a meeting!

Perth Rosen

Perth has been back and forth to Ecuador developing a financial literacy curriculum for youth with PLAN international, and Amhara, Ethiopia, collaborating with the Grameen Foundation in support of a savings culture. The Ethiopia project, which includes developing education for agrarian Micro-Finance clients, has taught her volumes about how in-kind savings support local food security, its good stuff! Next up for her is health education with partners in Peru. Meanwhile, she has moved to Davis in northern California where Freedom from Hunger (FFH) is located. Davis is also home to the University of California (Davis Campus).



Cássio Furtado

Cássio Furtado, 32, is Superintendent of Education in Pelotas, Brazil, his hometown. He oversees 90 local schools, some 4,000 teachers and staff and over 20,000 students. That includes Colégio Pelotense, the largest municipal school in Latin America. Cássio was chosen by the Mayor in early 2011. Before that, he worked as a teacher of Geopolitics, Philosophy, Sociology and World History at area high schools, prep schools and universities, teaching hundreds of lectures per year and having contact with over 2,000 students each week. In 2010, he published a textbook on Geopolitics, which is sold to students in Brazil. He also continues to record weekly commentaries to a handful of radios, and won the 2010 Top Young Personality Prize in Pelotas.

Christopher Moore

Christopher Moore lives and works in Los Angeles, CA; Reno, NV; and Peru. He is an International Resource Manager for Apropos International (www.AproposInter.com), which carries out development projects in Peru. Chris, since October 2010, also produces short travel oriented video for DistantLands.com all videos available at www.youtube.com/sleepingnomad



CLASS IV (2005-07)



Loa Magnúsdóttir

Loa is currently working for UNICEF in Pakistan. She arrived there last year as Communications support staff for the flood relief for three months but extended her stay for at least a year in this fascinating and complex country. She has been lucky enough to catch up with a couple of World Peace Fellows in Pakistan - extending the peace network.

Mayumi Burgener

After finishing the program at UQ in 2007, Mayumi worked as a lecturer of Journalism and Communication at UQ for two years. In 2009, she had a baby girl. At around the same time, her husband David Burgener was selected as a RWPF (class 9) and assigned to study at ICU in Tokyo, Japan. So they all moved to Tokyo in August 2010 and have lived there since, and David commenced his fellowship at ICU in September. However, since the earthquake and accident at the Fukushima nuclear power facilities have occurred, they decided to move back to Brisbane (as they felt that it was not safe for a small baby to stay there). David is now in the process of transferring from ICU to UQ. It has been very unsettling and challenging to move internationally so often, but they are happy to be able to come back to Australia, and they are determined to persevere until David finishes his study.

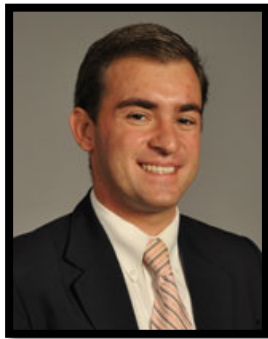
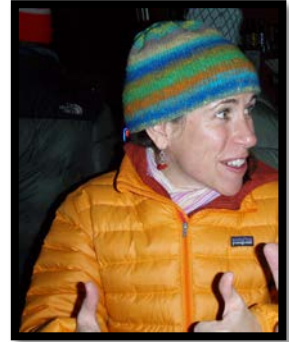


Mneesha Gellman

Mneesha Gellman is currently finishing her third year of a PhD in political science at Northwestern University in Chicago, USA. Her dissertation is a qualitative study of how ethnic minority groups in Mexico, Turkey, and El Salvador use memories of violence in their petitions for greater linguistic rights and cultural autonomy. She and her husband Josh Dankoff (UQ MA Dev. Practice 2007) look forward to welcoming a new peacemaker into the world with the birth of their baby this coming October! They'll be spending most of 2012 in Mexico and El Salvador so Mneesha can collect the data for her dissertation

MJ Vuinovich

MJ has recently completed her second year of law school at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona, USA. In addition to her studies, she participated in the JESSUP International Law Moot Court World Competition and interned with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, who have constituents in Tucson and Sonora, Mexico. This summer MJ will be working with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She continues to stay in touch with various clubs in the Tucson area and enjoys being involved with their local projects. Most importantly, MJ has been playing copious amounts of ultimately frisbee and riding her bike from here to there and back every now and again.



Vadym Ostrovsky

Vadym has just finished Duke University's 2 year long MBA Program. He will be joining an American corporation where he'll work in corporate finance. Soon, Vadym should be able to make enough money to pay Rotary dues. As soon as it happens, he'll be joining a Rotary Club in Richmond, VA.

John Foster

John Foster recently graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, Tennessee. He spent his final year in law school working in the Office of International Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security and in the Office of the Legal Advisor at the Department of State. John was selected for the Department of Justice Honors Attorney Program, which will enable him to serve as law clerk at an immigration court in El Paso, Texas, for two years before going to work as an appellate litigator in the Office of Immigration Litigation at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC. The photograph is of John meeting Janet Napolitano, the Secretary of Homeland Security.



Lisa Brunn & Sukthawee Suwannachairop

Lisa and Sukthawee's family moved to Kathmandu, Nepal in December 2010.

Larissa coordinates the work of an organization, Demo Finland, which supports the youth and student wings of parliamentary political parties in Nepal. The purpose of the programme is to strengthen political participation of youth in Nepal and to enhance constructive dialogue between the youth and student organizations. The traditional adversaries come together as a Platform to advocate for issues of joint interest (such as free and equal education, employment opportunities, etc.) as well as to engage in joint capacity building for young

politicians. The Joint Youth and Student Platform is active both in Kathmandu as well as 16 Districts; thus strengthening future leadership, youth's voice, multiparty democracy, and at the end of the day also of course the ongoing peace process in Nepal.

As for Sukthawee, he is also living in Nepal with Larissa and their two year old baby, Gati. But he is also working for UNDP Cambodia as a consultant. He supports the public information, communication, and advocacy work of the Cambodia Climate Change Alliance.

The attached picture was taken when Loa visited them in Nepal. So four peace fellows from UQ and one peace baby reunited and travelled together to see different part of Nepal.

Etsuko Teranishi

Etsuko has been working with International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Nepal since 2010 in the field of counter trafficking and labour migration. She is supporting to provide income generation activities for victims of trafficking in Nepal and capacity building for Government of Nepal and NGOs to enhance the positive impact of labour migration.



Sallie Lacey

Sallie continues to work at the German International Development Cooperation. She works in the Climate Protection Program for developing countries. This department provides technical and policy advice to developing countries on issues related to adaptation to climate change and mitigation of greenhouse gases. Her focal areas are on Climate Change as it relates to the topics of Migration, Gender, and Mitigation. One new development in the past year is that she is now a member of the German delegation to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which

means that she attends the annual international climate change negotiations on behalf of the German government.

However, more importantly, she and her husband Tim have had a baby in Feb. 2010 and they have spent the last year figuring out how to raise a child. They say it has been an amazing and fun adventure!

Akiko Okudaira

Akiko is a PhD candidate at the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy, School of Regulation, Justice and Diplomacy, the Australian National University. She is currently undertaking field research on the protracted refugee situations along the Thai-Myanmar border, and is a visiting researcher at World Education Thailand.





Caitlin Fitzpatrick

In the last year Caitlin has been busy working within the non-profit community in Colorado doing work that ranges from work on the environment, event planning and teaching English to immigrants and refugees. She has enjoyed being able to cover a broad range of work and getting to know new people in her community. With fund-raising such a vital part of the existence of any non-profit, learning about event planning and development has been a very exciting experience! Now she is working with Intercambio de Comunidades, an organization that brings people together from different cultures to build friendship and understanding.

Leah J. Aylward

Leah 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". She has recently returned from doing fieldwork in New York, Washington DC, Guatemala, and Colombia. She also works in the School of Political Science and International Studies as a research assistant and as a tutor. In September 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 her women's 11 a-side soccer team in Brisbane. She has played on the team for the last 2 years and is managing it this season.



Leah Klass

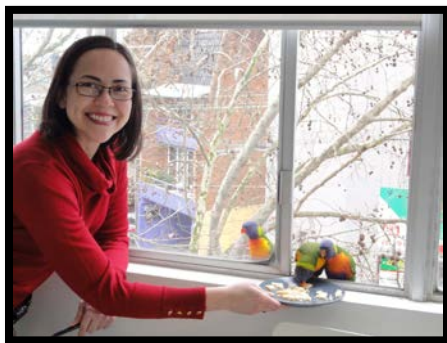
Leah Klass is currently working as a stay-at-home mum, introducing her new daughter Liliana Marie Amiadi Klass to a world full of wonders and diversity. With her daughter they explore the environs of their new home in southern Georgia, USA, while her husband keeps the pathology department running at the local hospital. With her daughter, Leah volunteers weekly at Girls, Inc. which is a local after school program for poor girls in the neighbourhood they live in. With this organization, Leah is working to develop a conflict resolution program for the third and fourth grade girls. Leah is still happy to serve as a conduit for relationship building in the US, Spain and Latin America and urges all former Peace Fellows to join the Google Group RotaryPeace.

CLASS III (2004-06)

Alessandro De Carvalho Souza

At the moment, Alessandro is a business and international lawyer for the state of Santa Catarina in Brazil, while also providing consultancy for companies and government agencies in the field of International Relations.

Furthermore, he also works at Wizard School, in São José - Santa Catarina - as a part-time English Teacher. This is most successful chain of English Schools of Brazil, with more than 850.000 students enrolled.



Karla Castellanos

Karla Castellanos was part of Class III, Rotary Peace Fellows at UQ from 2004-2006. Upon graduation from UQ, she took the opportunity to work in the Asia Pacific region as a senior architect and urban designer. She spent a year in Singapore where she collaborated in international development projects in Singapore and Sri Lanka. Since then, she has relocated permanently to Sydney where she has become an Associate Director at GM Urban Design and Architecture where she collaborates in urban regeneration projects for small localities and local Council areas in NSW. One of her recent projects involved a main street regeneration project for

the town of Walgett in NSW where one of the challenging aspects of the project was to mediate between the interest of all community stakeholders including the European and Aboriginal community members. Karla treasures the skills that she learnt as a Peace Fellow because some of her day to day obligations involve team leadership, community consultation and stake holder facilitation.

CLASS II (2003-05)

Sanjana Hattotuwa

Sanjana was awarded a TED Fellowship in 2011, and continues to work with new media as a mechanism to foster democracy and accountability in Sri Lanka post-war. He continues to curate Groundviews, www.groundviews.org, one of the country's best known and most respected online journalism initiatives. In addition, his work and association with the ICT4Peace Foundation (www.ict4peace.org) since 2006 has placed him in a position to influence the UN on issues related to crisis prevention, mitigation, response and recovery using Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs). A number of interviews and short papers authored by him on these issues are available online and have deeply influenced emergent policies and best practices. Sanjana lectures at the Sri Lanka College of Journalism, and continues a rich association with the Ashoka Foundation as one of its Fellows and writes extensively on, *inter alia*, online dispute resolution (ODR) where he is recognised as a thought-leader



in how mobile technologies can strengthen conflict transformation during and after complex political emergencies (CPEs).

An article that succinctly captures his work in Sri Lanka can be accessed

here: <http://www.fastcompany.com/1711352/2011-ted-fellow-cuts-through-wartime-censorship-in-sri-lanka>



Colin Spurway

Colin has been working for BBC's international development charity for the last three years. He was based in the World Service for the last couple of years working on Bangladesh programming and the response to the flooding in Pakistan.

Right now, though, Colin is back in 'the field' as the Project Director of a multimedia civic education initiative in Cambodia. The initiative are making a TV magazine programme, a TV drama, a radio phone-in show, PSAs and a website, and potentially also mobile apps, print columns and live mass adventure games. All this will launch in a multiplatform edutainment campaign across Cambodia in January 2012. The campaign will feature the stories of bright, interesting, active young Cambodians who are succeeding in participating in the arts, community organization, sport, business, social work and suchlike. They will meet and discuss these 'bright spots' on air and provide the information other young people need if they want to do what those others have succeeded in doing. And mixed in with that there will be a slew of special guests, games, quizzes, comedy, music, debates and - if Colin can find them - a troupe of fire breathing freefall chainsaw jugglers.

Brian Adams

Brian Adams is currently completing a PhD at UQ and has recently been hired as the new director of the Multi-Faith Centre at Griffith University. Brian is also married and has three little kids: 5, 3 and 1 years old.



CLASS I (2002-04)

Francesca Del Mese

Francesca is a barrister from the UK. She is a member of one of the UK's foremost barrister's chambers dealing with human rights work. Since graduating with a distinction from the course in 2004, she has worked in the following roles: as counsel for the United Nations in the Special Court in Sierra Leone, the Home Office in the UK dealing with travelling sex offenders, she travelled to Uganda with a member of the House of Lords to assess the human rights situation in the conflict related area, and spent two years working as a lawyer in the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. In 2008 - 9 she worked in South Sudan as UNICEF's sole specialist adviser for juvenile justice. She gave training workshops to judges, lawyers, prison and police officials and tribal and community leaders on child rights issues, and travelled

around the country visiting detention and death row facilities, in order to write an extensive report for UNICEF. As well as her other work, she has spent the last couple of years undertaking charity management and advisory work, including managing the implementation of a child protection policy across a large geographical area of the UK for the Church of England and has recently returned from The Hague, where in April she designed and delivered a course for Jordanian judges on international criminal law.

Path Heang

Path has working with UNICEF Cambodia for the last two years, first as Youth and Adolescent Development Specialist and now as Chief of UNICEF Zone Office based in Siem Reap (Angkor Wat), in the northern part of the country. He is leading a team of UNICEF professionals and support staff and managing six UNICEF programmes that address pressing issues that affect most vulnerable children and women in the country. This includes work in education, health, equitable access to quality public services, child protection (from the worst forms of labour, trafficking, abandonment, HIV/AIDS, drug, etc), and water and sanitation. His team work to address equity issues in programming, planning, policy-making and budgeting - as part of their efforts to meet the Millennium Development Goals.



Carolyn Fanelli

Since I graduated from UQ, Carolyn has worked for Catholic Relief Services, first in Zimbabwe and now in Pakistan. She moved in Pakistan in August 2009 and currently serves as the Head of Programming, overseeing more than \$40 million in humanitarian and development programs. Their current focus is on helping communities to rebuild after the devastating floods in Pakistan in August 2010. They also support education, especially for girls, and provide services to Afghan refugees, with a focus on women. Carolyn is currently based in Islamabad.

Amy Kay

Amy is an HIV and community mobilization expert and advisor with in-depth knowledge of the policy, governance, development, gender and human rights dimensions of HIV. She currently serves as Senior Technical Advisor at the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA) based in Washington D.C., and possesses 10 years of in-country development experience focused in the Middle East and North Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa. Under USAID Health Policy Initiative, Task Order 1, she served as the Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Technical Team Leader, 'Investing in People Living with HIV in THE Middle East and North Africa' Regional Manager and Senior Technical Advisor, and Botswana Country Manager. She currently serves as Country Manager for USAID HealthGov project, Philippines focused on advocacy efforts and policy development that improves health in-country.



SUPPORT TEAM

**Marianne Hanson**

Director of the University of Queensland Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution

Associate Professor Marianne Hanson is delighted to resume her role as Director of UQ's Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Her teaching and research focuses on global security, international law and international institutions, with a specialisation in arms control and disarmament. Her publications examine the impact that various diplomatic gatherings and independent commissions have had on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, resulting in a significant contribution to the international academic and policy-oriented literature on this debate. Much of Dr Hanson's work in this area has been the result of interactions with Australian and international political practitioners, diplomatic groupings and UN officials, and has been widely circulated among these groupings. She has presented submissions to parliamentary bodies and also to the United Nations in New York. She is recognised as a national commentator on security issues and is frequently invited to provide media commentary on these topics. Her research impact is further enhanced by her appointment by the Foreign Minister to Australia's National Consultative Committee on International Security Issues and her invited membership of AUS-CSCAP (Australian Member Branch, the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific). Marianne gained her doctorate from Oxford University, and was a Stipendiary Lecturer at Magdalen College, Oxford University, prior to taking up her present position at UQ.

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 the 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.



**Janet Lawrence**

Host Area Coordinator for the Rotary Peace Fellows Program, 2010-13

Janet first joined Rotary in Canberra in 1994 and was President of the Rotary Club of Canberra Woden in 1999-2000. In 2001-01 she supported her husband John Lawrence while he was District Governor of District 9710 in the Canberra/SE New South Wales region. She was Assistant District Governor in 2003 before they moved to Brisbane late that year. They joined the RC of Brisbane Planetarium early in 2004.

When John was selected to serve on the Board of Rotary International in 2008-10 it meant a change of lifestyle for them both as they travelled to significant Rotary events worldwide and also spent a great deal of time visiting districts in Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia.

Janet's involvement with the Peace Fellow Program began when she became counsellor for Peace Fellow Sallie Lacy at University of Queensland in 2006-07. She has attended the annual Peace Fellow symposium for the past four years.

Janet is a science graduate from the Australian National University. For 19 years she worked for an Australian Government organisation dedicated to agricultural research for development in Asia, the Pacific and Africa, travelling extensively in Asia and the Pacific. Back at headquarters she participated in an annual program for postgraduates from many developing countries to develop their skills in thesis writing and oral presentation. Today in her home-based business she writes and edits both scientific and general material. She is on the magazine editorial panel at St John's Anglican Cathedral in Brisbane. She is also on the Queensland Committee of the Crawford Fund, which publicises the impacts and benefits of helping the developing world through international agricultural research.

Janet is a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation and a Charter Member of its Bequest Society.

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.



