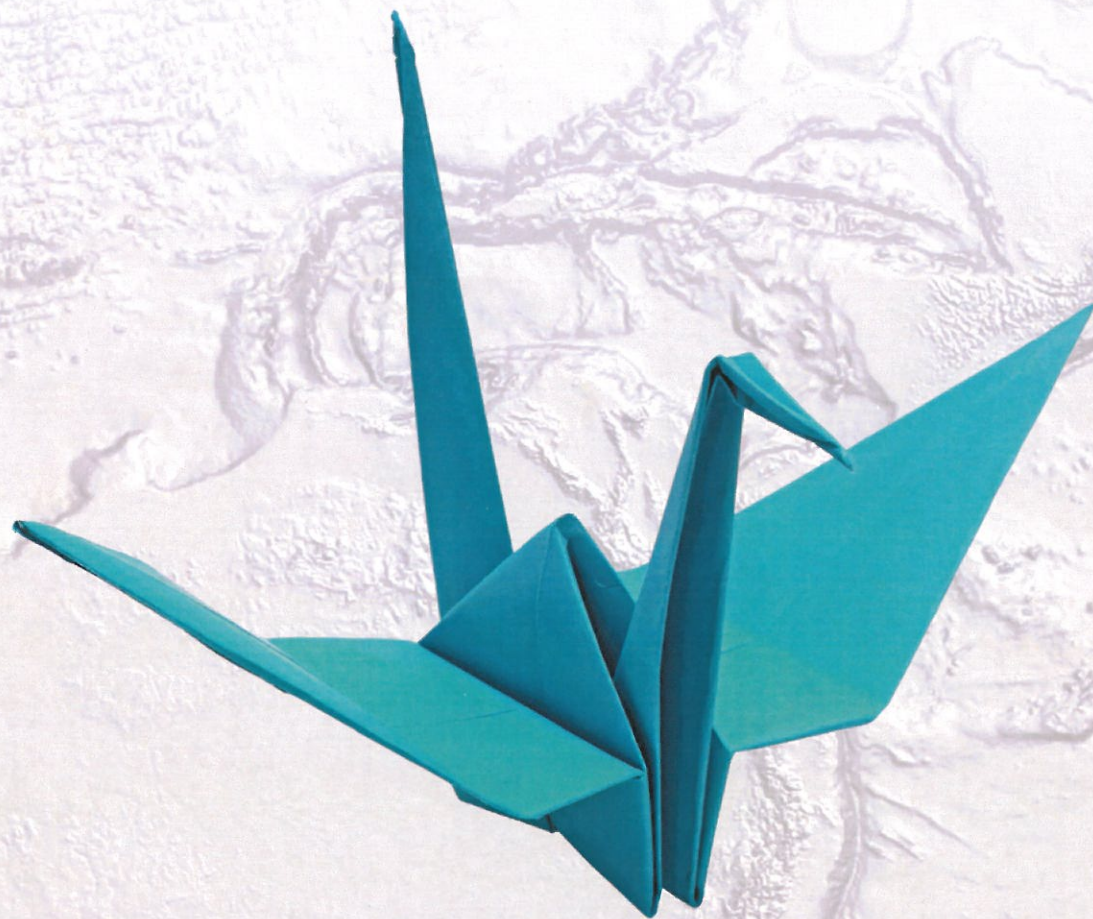


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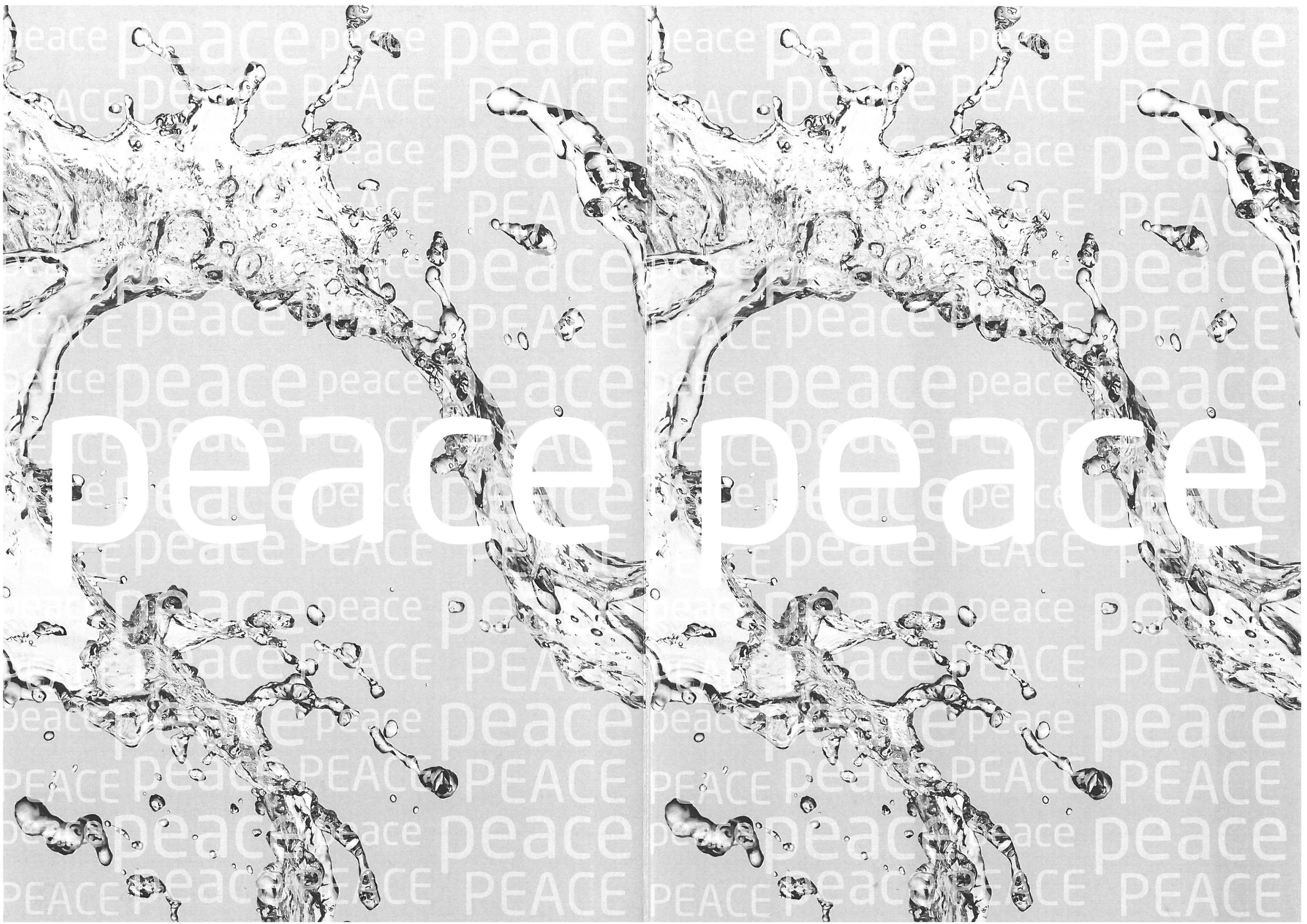
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WELCOME FROM THE CENTRE DIRECTOR

Welcome to The University of Queensland's tenth 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 X Rotary Peace Fellows present their research to a broad audience of Rotarians, academics and the general public. Class XI 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 worldwide 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 the Rotary Centres to undertake a Master's Degree or a Professional Development Certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Here at The University of Queensland, our nine intakes of Peace Fellows have completed their studies and are applying what they learned throughout the world. The Class X 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 firsthand 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, The University of Queensland Rotary Centre for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution
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Class III

Larissa Bruun (Finland, District 1380)
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Maiko Shimizu (Japan, District 2590)
Sukthawee Suwannachairop (Thailand, District 3340)

Class II

Brian Adams (USA, District 6360)
Yoshio Chikamatsu (Japan, District 2580)
Noëlle DePape (Canada, District 5550)
Mariano Griva (Argentina, District 4880)
Sanjana Hattotuwa (Sri Lanka, District 3220)
Josephine Manuel (Philippines, District 3790)
Colin Spurway (UK, District 1010)

Class I

Matthew Bright (USA, District 6440)
Francesca Del Mese (UK, District 1260)
Carolyn Fanelli (USA, District 7710)
Path Heang (Cambodia, District 3350)
Ryan Hendy (Canada, District 6400)
Amy Kay (USA, District 7600)
Sophia Knöchel Ledberg (Sweden, District 2350)
Rebecca Milligan (USA, District 6310)
Christian Oakes (USA, District 6970)

8:30 – 9:00 am

Arrival

9:00 – 9:45 am

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to Country – Thanks to Adrian Burragubba
Associate Professor Marianne Hanson – Director, Rotary Centre UQ
Janet Lawrence – Rotary Host Area Coordinator

9:45 – 11:00 am

SESSION A: Peace, Security and Diplomacy

Ana Maria Rodriguez Contreras
Peace and Security: A Gateway to Awareness
Rabi Shah
Peacebuilding Evaluation: Strengthening, Learning & Accountability for Sustainable Peace
Casey Crocket
Peace Through Diplomacy in Bosnia Herzegovina
Naing Koko
Australia and Burma (Myanmar) Relations (1988-2013)
Moderated by Dr Brian Adams – Class II UQ Rotary Peace Fellow; Director of Griffith Multi Faith Centre

11:00 – 11:30am

Morning Tea

11:30 – 12:45pm

SESSION B: Asia

Erica Rose Jeffrey - Peace Moves
Chantelle Doerksen
Localizing SCR 1325- Fijian Young Women as Peacebuilders
Solveig Sveinbjornsdottir
Eliminating Violence against Women in Fiji
Nissa Rhee
Brothers Through Bullets: Veterans Building Peace in Vietnam
Moderated by Mayumi Burgener – Class IV UQ Rotary Peace Fellow



A DECADE OF PEACE FELLOWS

Class VIII

Giorgio Algeri (Italy, District 2110)
Bryn Cain (USA, District 5750)
Joseph DeVoir (USA, District 6360)
Yuka Kaneko (Japan, District 2750)
Matti Karvanen (Finland, District 1420)
Jake Kurtzer (USA, District 7620)
Humaira Shafi (Pakistan, District 3270)
Sanaz Shahrokni (Iran, District 1780)

Class VII

Teddy Foday-Musa (Sierra Leone, District 1550)
Rose Foley (Scotland, District 1230)
Joseph Hongoh (Kenya, District 9200)
Fanney Karlsdottir (Iceland, District 1360)
David Kozar (USA, District 5710)
David LaMotte (USA, District 7670)
Jeneice Olsen (USA, District 5950)
Pamela Padilla (Philippines, District 3800)
Zuzana Petovska (Slovak Republic, District 2240)

Class VI

Lydia Blumer (UK, District 1250)
Kathryn Clark (USA, District 6540)
Virorth Doung (Cambodia, District 3350)
Veronica Hynes (Argentina, District 4860)
Kevin Melton (USA, District 7610)
Ryan Moore (Northern Ireland, District 1160)
Matias Omar (Tanzania, District 9200)
Emily Todd (USA, District 6560)
Tamara Turcan (Netherlands, District 1600)
Janelle Weissman (USA, District 5450)
Marcos Zunino (Argentina, District 4820)

Class V

Peter Emberson (Fiji, District 9920)
Andrea Fanta (USA, District 6760)
Cássio Furtado (Brazil, District 4680)
Rita Gonzales (USA, District 6910)
Vikas Gora (India, District 3020)
Sheunesu Hove (Zimbabwe, District 9210)
Christopher Moore (USA, District 5340)
Cecilia Lwiindi Nedziwe (South Africa, District 9250)
Ville-Veikko Pitkänen (Finland, District 1430)
Kristin Post (USA, District 7710)



12:45-1:45pm

1:45-2pm

2-3pm

3-3:30pm

3:30-4:15pm

4:15pm-4:30pm

4:30-5:30pm

4:16

Lunch

Interactive Exercise

Dave Burgener – Class IX UQ Rotary Peace Fellow; PhD candidate at UQ

SESSION C: Africa and Middle East

Rick Roeder

The Exploration of Natural Resources in South Africa: Potential for Prosperity and Conflict Alike

Paul Conroy

A Ballot Revolution?: Voting for Peace in Kenya

Mohsen Solhdoost

Beating the Drums of Peace

Moderated by Joseph Hongoh – Class VII UQ Rotary Peace Fellow; PhD candidate at UQ

Open Forum

What does peace mean to you?

What does work look like in peace and conflict resolution?

How can fellows and Rotarians promote mutually beneficial relationships after the scholarship ends?

Moderated by Sheunesu Hove – Class V UQ Rotary Peace Fellow; PhD candidate at UQ

Recognizing New and Former UQ Peace Fellows

Guests move upstairs to Terrace

Closing Ceremony

Drinks and Nibbles

Abstracts

Session A: Peace, Security & Diplomacy

Peace and Security: A Gateway to Awareness **Ana Maria Rodriguez Contreras**

Security is a concept that has been used by political leaders as a tool and a weapon for achieving their national interest. In some cases it has been used to justify actions and implement measures that have major consequences for the world (such as drones, economic sanctions and nuclear weapons used as a deterrence measure). Ana will look beyond security as a military concept and explore its roots in survival and power.

Peacebuilding Evaluation: Strengthening Learning and Accountability for Sustainable Peace **Rabi Shah**

Peacebuilding projects operate in contexts of conflict, complexity and non-linearity. The use of appropriate evaluation methodology is essential to learn what constitutes effective and ineffective practice and to hold organizations accountable for using good practices, which ultimately supports peacebuilding. Rabi will explore the significance of peacebuilding evaluation to improving peacebuilding interventions.

Peace through Diplomacy in Bosnia Herzegovina **Casey Crockett**

The American facilitated Dayton Agreement ended the war in Bosnia Herzegovina in 1995, but 18 years later Bosnia Herzegovina remains a divided society. Working with the Office of Public Diplomacy in the US Embassy in Sarajevo, Casey's focus has been on how small projects in education and cultural exchanges can not only bring the US and Bosnia Herzegovina closer together, but also support the long internal healing process.

Australia and Burma (Myanmar) Relations (1988-2013) **Naing Koko**

Naing will examine the development of this relationship and how Australian movers and shakers have formulated government policy towards Burma (Myanmar). He will then explore what should be done next to enhance relations between the two nations. Naing will include dynamic perspectives on economics, politics, trade, human rights and diplomacy in his presentation.

Session B: Asia

Peace Moves **Erica Rose Jeffrey**

Erica Rose will explore the possibilities of integrating the arts and embodied approaches to peace, conflict resolution and reconciliation. Using an interactive approach, she will present aspects of her experience with Move This World in the Philippines and her research into the connections between dance, empathy and peace.

Localizing SCR 1325: **Fijian Young Women as Peacebuilders** **Chantelle Doerksen**

Chantelle will examine how Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security interacts with the role of young women's participation in peacebuilding. FemLINKPacific, a women's community media network, capacitates young women as radio broadcasters who engage other women on issues of human security, using a 1325 framework. Chantelle explores this international resolution and its potential limitations as it pertains to Fiji, with FemLINKPacific as a case study.

Eliminating Violence against Women in Fiji **Solveig Sveinbjornsdottir**

Solveig will discuss her AFE with UN WOMEN in Fiji supporting the global campaign Elimination Violence against Women, 16 Days of Activism. She will also discuss her experiences in the humanitarian field of child protection. She will discuss the necessity of an integrated approach where gender plays a significant role in peace and justice.

Brothers through Bullets: **Veterans Building Peace in Vietnam** **Nissa Rhee**

Four decades ago, American and Vietnamese soldiers killed each other in a devastating civil war. Today, these same soldiers are coming together to overcome the legacies of that conflict. Based on her AFE and original research, Nissa will explore how veterans are working to reconcile the past with the present and turning enemies into friends.



JANET LAWRENCE

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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 five 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.



BRENT DRAGE **Rotary Regional Grants Officer**

Brent Drage was born and raised in the Chicagoland area of the United States. He completed his undergraduate degree in Mass Media and Marketing at DePaul University in Chicago, IL. While growing up Brent was lucky enough to be able to do quite a bit of travelling, allowing him to see the importance of international understanding. Brent has been with The Rotary Foundation for 14 years, nine of which were spent working with Ambassadorial Scholars. Brent was selected to work in the Pilot Operations Department based on his experience with The Rotary Foundation, working with Rotarians and his knowledge of scholarship activities. In his free time, Brent enjoys running, travelling, skiing and other outdoor activities.



JILL GUNTER **Rotary Centres Specialist/Regional Grants Officer**

Jill works for the Rotary Peace Fellowship program at the Rotary Foundation in the United States, as well as with district and global grants coming from Europe and the Middle East. She helps to coordinate peace fellows at The University of Queensland and Uppsala University and 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 Bachelor's degree in French and International Business and a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration with an emphasis in Non-Profit Management. She has lived for a combination of eight 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 travelling.

Staff



MARIANNE HANSON

**Director of the Rotary Centre for International Studies
in Peace and Conflict Resolution**

Former Dir

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 her work have 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.



MARIAN OPHOF

**Administrative Officer of the Rotary Centre for International Studies
in Peace and Conflict Resolution**

Marian Ophof commenced as the Student Enquiries Officer at the School of Political Science and International Studies in April 2011. As part of this role Marian provides administrative support to the Rotary Peace Centre at The University of Queensland. Marian 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. Marian has been with the University of Queensland for nearly five years now, with most of her experience gained in the areas of Client Service and Student Enquiries across three Faculties. Prior to this, Marian's experience was mostly within the private sector in office/financial management.



Session C: Africa & Middle East

**The Exploration of Natural Resources in South Africa:
Potential for Prosperity and Conflict Alike**
Rick Roeder

Two decades after the end of the apartheid regime, South Africa's full potential for prosperity through mining has not yet been achieved. Rick's presentation will explore current discussions and events in South Africa related to mining activities.

A Ballot Revolution? Voting for peace in Kenya
Paul Conroy

The 2007 and 2008 post-election violence in Kenya claimed the lives of over 1,000 people. Kenyans returned to the polls in 2013 hoping that the painful 'lessons learned' would prevent a return to violence. Paul will explore the country's efforts to forge a peaceful and united future in the wake of political conflict.

Beating the Drums of Peace
Mohsen Solhdoost

The stalemate in US-Iran relations, the hostile rhetoric exchanged between politicians over the past three decades and the current nuclear standoff have estranged the majority of American citizens from their fellow Iranians. Mohsen will discuss some reconciliatory efforts he has initiated to overcome misperceptions and stereotypes.



Class X

MAKI MIZUNO-SHAW



Sponsor Club:
Tsushima, District 2760

Host Club:
Port of Brisbane, District 9630

After graduating from UQ, Maki became an education specialist at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Somalia, based in Nairobi, Kenya. The position allows her to pursue her passion for helping children through education.

Originally from Tsushima, a small historical town in Japan, Maki holds a Bachelor's degree in education and a Master's degree in educational development. After graduating with her first Master's degree, she worked with a non-governmental organization that provided in-service training to teachers and developed science curriculum for basic education students in Jamaica. She then worked with UNESCO to strengthen the capacity of the education sector to respond to the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Caribbean. Maki also worked with the Japanese Government,

managing their human security funding programme for Jamaica and Belize. While she was working in Jamaica, she met her husband Hal and they had two daughters, Kiko and Ahane. The family moved to Bhutan in 2008 when Maki was assigned to a United Nations Volunteer posting with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She facilitated the participation of ordinary citizens through volunteerism in development projects in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

During her applied field experience, she worked with United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in Indonesia. She assisted refugees in finding a durable solution to their situation, including an opportunity to resettle in a third country. The time with the UNHCR enriched Maki's awareness of refugee issues and the problems refugees experienced, especially the lack of opportunities in receiving education or skill training.

ERLA SIGURDARDÓTTIR



Sponsor Club:
Hafnarfjörður, District 1360

Host Club:
Brisbane Centenary, District 9630

After graduating from UQ, Erija and her family travelled back to Iceland and moved back into their house in Reykjavik where they enjoyed the Icelandic summer with its midnight sun and fun.

Erija got a job at Icelandair Group, working in the travel industry as a content manager for Icelandair hotels. She also volunteers with Amnesty International and UNICEF. The travel industry is one of the biggest and most profitable industries in Iceland and is

incredibly important to the country that is still recovering from the economic crash of 2008.

Erija's children can now speak Icelandic again after having lost it for a while when they lived in Australia. Krummi, now three years old, still recalls the time when he could walk barefoot outside and doesn't understand why he can't anymore! Vera still has plans to be a dolphin trainer when she grows up, in Australia, of course. Looking back at life in Australia and Fiji brings smiles to their faces, despite enjoying being back at home with family and friends.

CODY GRIGGERS



Sponsor Club:
Dublin, District 5790

Host Club:
Jindalee, District 9630

Cody is thrilled to have recently accepted a position as Information Analyst and Reporting Officer with the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), based in the capital Monrovia. From there, he works with a team to report on the many complex elements of the UN's ongoing peacekeeping operation, which is working to consolidate peace and stability in the country in the wake of over a decade of civil war. This includes monitoring and analysing ongoing political developments and the security environment in the

country, the human rights situation and the continued strengthening of the Liberian national police force and security sector.

After 11 years of living in Southeast Asia, Cody is excited to be experiencing a new continent and witnessing firsthand the resilience and energy of a country rebuilding itself after war. Building on the keen interest in the role of women in peace and security that he cultivated during his AFE, Cody is also proud to be living in the country headed by Africa's first elected female head of state, the home of Nobel Peace laureate Leymah Gbowee, and working in one of the few UN peacekeeping missions led by a woman SSRG.

SUMMER LEWIS



Sponsor Club:
Manhattan, District 5710

Host Club:
Toowong, District 9600

Summer focused her studies at UQ on trade, development, smallholder farmers and commodity value chains, with a special emphasis on coffee. After graduating, she travelled throughout Burma, Laos, Thailand, Timor Leste and New Zealand, meeting with Rotarians, Rotary Peace Fellows, agricultural and economic development organizations and coffee producers and projects. Summer attended the 25th annual Specialty Coffee Association of America Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, USA in April 2013.

This premier global event allows her to pursue opportunities with organizations committed to supporting small-scale coffee farmers and cooperatives in accessing markets and improving livelihoods.

Summer continues to be active in attending and speaking at Rotary Clubs wherever she goes. She recently presented via Skype with her sister, Katrina Lewis (a 2012 Rotary Peace Fellow at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand) at a Rotary Peace Forum hosted by her sponsor district in Kansas. Summer and her "sister in peace" were recently selected to attend and present at the "Teaching Peace in the 21st Century" seminar at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in June 2013.

MELANIE MOORE



Sponsor Club:
Blacksburg, District 7570

Host Club:
Windsor, District 9600

Thanks to the Rotary Peace Fellowship, Melanie's professional focus on human rights continues in her roles as the Interim Program Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters and as a legal intern at Legal Aid in West Virginia. Her work specifically focuses on alleviating social and legal disparities in one of the most impoverished areas in the United States. Melanie is considering attending law school in the near future to study international human rights law. Owing to the Rotary Peace Fellowship, she also gained exposure to the international

legal system during her Applied Field Experience at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal of Rwanda. Finally, she has joined a fellow Peace Fellow's endeavour in establishing an NGO addressing post-traumatic stress with peacebuilders. They met at their Fellowship orientation and subsequently developed a lasting connection.

Melanie continues to meet Rotarians and share the life-changing effects of the Fellowship at Rotary clubs and events. Rotary and UQ have afforded her countless opportunities to interact with people and peace initiatives on local and global levels, and she remains extremely grateful for all the experiences.

PAUL CONROY



Sponsor Club:
Monticello, District 5950

Host Club:
Ipswich North, District 9630

Growing up in the often snow-covered state of Minnesota, USA, Paul has savoured the opportunity to thaw out under the Queensland sun while undertaking his studies as a Rotary Peace Fellow. After graduating with a BA in English from Saint John's University in 2005, Paul spent three years in Hanga, Tanzania as an English instructor. While there, he founded the "Phoenix Rising" scholarship fund, which provides educational funding for youth in the

rural southwest regions of Tanzania. To generate funds for this project, he embarked on an 800-mile bicycle trek through Tanzania, which raised more than \$20,000. Over 25 students have been supported as Phoenix Rising scholars.

In 2008, Paul returned to the US to work as Peace and Justice Coordinator at Saint John's University. In this role, he led students on urban "service plunges" in Minneapolis/St. Paul, facilitated "poverty simulations" in university classes and led students on an immersion trip to Peru. He established a volunteer site for the Saint John's Benedictine Volunteer Corps in Togo, West Africa, and led students on immersion trips to Tanzania in the summers of 2009 and 2010. In 2011, Paul completed an MA in African Studies as a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellow at Ohio University where he studied the Somali language.

To complement his academic interests and experience in East Africa, Paul worked with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) during his applied field experience. Based in Nairobi, he travelled throughout the country with election monitoring teams to investigate cases of hate speech, bribery, fraud and violence associated with the 2013 election campaigns. In addition to the insights gained through his official work, Paul relished the opportunity to discuss politics and the prospects for peace and conflict in the lead-up to the

elections with everyone from members of the military to Catholic priests. He is researching the root causes of the 2007-2008 post-election violence in Kenya and the impact that subsequent efforts at national reconciliation and peacebuilding have had on the 2013 elections and future of Kenya in his Master's thesis at UQ.

Paul's professional interests lie in helping refugees survive conflict and rebuild lives of good health, security and self-sufficiency. He aims to develop bridges of understanding and cooperation between refugee and host communities that empower refugees to establish lives of dignity while becoming integral members of their host communities. He plans to achieve his professional goals by applying his training in peace and conflict resolution in a position with an international refugee agency.

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CASEY CROCKET



Sponsor Club:
Traverse City, District 6290

Host Club:
Toowong, District 9600

Casey Crocket hails from Traverse City Michigan and has practiced small-scale diplomacy as an English as a foreign language teacher for six years in Asia, Europe and the United States. She graduated from the University of Michigan where she designed her own major in International Relations and studied in Santiago, Chile and Perth, Australia.

From 2006 to 2008, Casey participated in the JET (Japan Exchange Teaching)

Programme and taught English to Japanese middle school students in rural Japan for two years. In the following two years Casey moved to Seville, Spain where she worked as a primary school English teacher as a part of the Spanish government's North American Language and Culture Assistant program. Most recently, Casey moved back to the US to teach English at an international school in Austin, Texas where she worked mostly with the Middle Eastern community. She defines success in her field as an elevation of both her student's language and a broadening of their understanding of the challenges and opportunities youths in other parts of the world face in learning and in life.

For her applied field experience, Casey chose to further develop her diplomacy experience by working for the US Department of State at the US Embassy in Sarajevo. Casey worked in the Office of Public Affairs utilizing her teaching skills and experience on a number of projects aimed at bringing together youth of different ethnicities to create a more stable, democratic and prosperous Bosnia Herzegovina.

While in Sarajevo, Casey attended meetings at the Sarajevo Rotary International Delta Club where she met many International Rotarian Diplomats. Through the Sarajevo Rotary Club, Casey also became involved with the local NGO 'Save Dogs' to support a local shelter

and rescue centre, which works with the large stray dog population in Sarajevo.

After completing the Rotary World Peace Fellowship, Casey hopes to join the Foreign Service and become an American diplomat. Casey would like to thank her "Rotary Family" which spans the globe from Michigan to Australia and Bosnia Herzegovina, for their unending support and the amazing opportunities they have provided. Casey would also like to thank her family and especially her partner, Dr. Michael Cholette, for following her around the globe.

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PANTEA BEIGI



Sponsor Club:
Commerce City, District 5450

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Toowong, District 9600

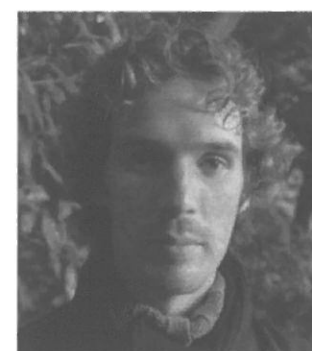
Pantea Beigi, known as Pani to her friends and colleagues, is an Iranian-American human rights advocate and Rotary Peace Fellow alum of District 5450 of Colorado. Pani served as an AmeriCorps member for the PeaceJam Foundation where she worked with a number of Nobel Peace Laureates and youth from around the world to address conditions of social and economic injustice faced by underprivileged populations both in the United States and across the globe. Pani has served as a laureate liaison for 2003 Nobel Peace Laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi and helped protect the human rights lawyer and her clients during attacks on human rights workers in Iran in December 2008. Following the controversial Iranian elections in June 2009, Pani conducted

routine human rights reports and interviews on CNN, MSNBC, NPR, and other news outlets. She has most recently been working on media campaigns aimed at halting the unjust imprisonment, torture, and execution of political dissidents in Iran.

Pani holds a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Speech Communication with a citation in Journalism and a Master's of International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Pani's interest and commitment to humanitarian work has led her to extraordinary experiences working with world leaders, government institutions, non-government organizations, grass-roots movements, and most important to her; people living below the poverty level worldwide which have left a lasting impression on her career. In 2013, Pani plans to join the PhD cohort of the Centre for Communication and Social Change at The University of Queensland.

DAVE BURGNER



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Brisbane Planetarium, District 9600

David is from Calgary, Canada and is an Australian and Canadian dual citizen. In 2000, David and his brother John started a volunteer organization called Peacewaves with funding from the Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee. Peacewaves provides lectures and seminars at schools (Year 1 - 12) in Calgary regarding the Decade for the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence towards Children. In addition, David has been an avid football (soccer) coach since 1999, working and volunteering with children, youth and adult

teams. His application for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship was based on exploring/developing the concept of Peace Education through Sport.

After graduating, David was employed as a project officer at Queensland University of Technology, where he manages a grant on supervision of research higher degree students in creative practice. He also returned to study at UQ as a PhD student in peace and conflict resolution. His thesis focuses on 'the self' and how conceptions of selfhood have implications on approaches to peace and conflict. Part of his focus is on how mediators can make use of intuition through engaging with emotions.

LUCINDA GARRIDO



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Since presenting at the seminar last year, Lucinda continued with her Master's studies at UQ. Lucinda completed her thesis entitled "Strange Bedfellows: The Problematic Alliance between Pakistan and the United States During the War on Terror, 2001-2012", a topic which she loved and hopes to pursue again in a future PhD. Lucinda also married her best friend, Suman, in a traditional, three-day Bangladeshi wedding and later spent time living with him and his family in their rural village.

Lucinda is currently completing her AFE at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Working with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Lucinda is helping to build the relationship between ECOSOC and the Peacebuilding Commission, as well as assisting with a Youth Forum and a Partnerships Event. She is also helping to ensure that the post-2015 development agenda addresses conflict issues. After graduation, Lucinda is hoping to use her skills in conflict resolution, but has yet to decide which country will host her next.

JAMES ABRAHAM



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Sumner Park, District 9630

Since graduating from The University of Queensland as part of Class IX of Rotary Peace Fellows last July, James has been the Entrepreneurial Assistance Program Director for the Bronx branch of New York's Empire State Development Corporation, a microfinance initiative that serves under-resourced and under-privileged small business owners in New York City.

After successfully graduating his first cohort and assisting them with their small businesses, James was selected to become a Second Lieutenant in the United States Department of Defense, Army Division, where he is currently undergoing

officer training in the Civil Affairs field.

James is extremely grateful for the opportunities his Rotary Peace Fellowship has afforded him. His education at UQ has broadened his perspective from helping one person at a time, to one community at a time. He will now be leading his platoon to do the same through honour, duty and integrity. James is also extremely thankful for the support he has received from his District Rotary Club in Northern New Jersey. He was able to give a few presentations after graduation and is educating a growing number of Rotary clubs on his applied field experience microfinance work in Timor-Leste. Apart from presenting his work, he always loves learning about fellow Rotarians' work in peacekeeping and poverty alleviation.

ABDIKHEIR AHMED



Sponsor Club:
Charleswood, District 5550

Host Club:
Loganholme, District 9630

Abdikheir is the Interim Executive Director at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba (IRCOC) Inc.

He spent his formative years in Kenya where he completed primary and high school, and he studied for his Bachelor's degree in Environmental studies at Kenyatta University in Nairobi. He immigrated to Canada in 2003 and joined the University of Winnipeg to study International Development Studies where he graduated in June 2007 with high distinction.

Abdi has extensive experience working with immigrant and refugee communities in Winnipeg's inner city. He is a passionate advocate for the needs of immigrants and refugees in Canada and serves on a number of boards and committees of organizations serving immigrant and refugee communities. For his advocacy work, Abdi was awarded with the Amina Malko Fellowship in 2009 by the Canadian Council for Refugees, recognizing him as a refugee leader in Canada. In 2011, Abdi was also recognized by the Manitoba Children's Museum as a Great Friend of Children for his work in providing mentorship and integration support to immigrant and refugee youth in Winnipeg.

LULADAY ARAGAW TRUNEH



Sponsor Club:
Addis Ababa Central-Mella, District 9200

Host Club:
Brisbane Planetarium, District 9600

Upon her return home, Addis Ababa, from her fellowship at The University of Queensland in 2012, Luladay joined the political division of the Australian Embassy. As a Research Manager, she is responsible for research and analysis of regional peace and security issues, including political and economic, relevant to the work of the African Union, the Embassy and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Prior to joining the Embassy Luladay worked at the United Nations Development Programme where she was responsible for coordinating United Nations Volunteer program with regards to local government capacity building in governance, health and education.

She also continues to work with 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. She is also a committee member of the Yedidya Association, a non-governmental organization, supporting the education and wellbeing of HIV/AIDS orphans in Ethiopia.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN



Sponsor Club:
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Host Club:
Brisbane High-Rise, District 9600

Chantelle Doerksen has called many places home over the years with Las Vegas being the most recent. In Las Vegas, she worked for the American Lung Association as the Youth Advocacy Coordinator and liaison with the Spanish-speaking community. She partnered with community organizations, statewide coalitions and teen groups in designing grassroots projects related to advocacy, tobacco advertising and its purpose. The program was part of a larger community

initiative, funded by a federal grant and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) called "Communities Putting Prevention to Work."

From 2007 to 2009, Chantelle worked in Paraguay as a rural health volunteer with the US Peace Corps. She organized a women's group in her community that successfully petitioned the local and state government for funding a project consisting of 19 brick ovens, or *fogones*. After her 27-month contract ended, Chantelle extended for seven months with Plan International's office in the Department of Guaira. Here, she gained further experience in rural communities and local non-profits in areas related to youth, HIV/AIDS and nutrition.

Chantelle's applied field experience with the United Nations Development Programme- Pacific Centre in Fiji connected her with FemLINKpacific, a women's media organization, improving her understanding of linkages between international organizations and those working on a grassroots level. In addition to becoming an open water diver and finding Nemo, she was capacitated through AMARC's (World Association of Community Broadcasters) Inaugural Pacific Community Radio Workshop hosted in conjunction with FemLINKpacific. The weeklong training included 11 different countries from Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands,

Niue and Tonga were among those participating. Her research paper at UQ focuses on the role young women play as peacebuilders, drawing from FemLINKpacific's work at the community level and their interpretation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. In addition to her project, she has used her studies and volunteer opportunities at UQ to gain more insight as to how community programs can help peace and understanding.

Chantelle was born in Canada and moved to the US at a young age. Her Bachelor's is in International Relations - Peace and Security from the University of California Davis (USA). She also spent a semester studying at the University of British Columbia (Canada) to enjoy living near family. She is incredibly thankful for the support and friendship from her Rotary family and her Rotary Clubs for helping make this opportunity possible.

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ERICA ROSE JEFFREY



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Brisbane Planetarium, District 9600

Erica Rose Jeffrey believes that movement brings creative perspectives to peace. Originally from Missoula, Montana, she has worked as a performer, choreographer, educator and arts leader in the United States and internationally. Since arriving in Australia, she has actively engaged with the local community. Through the Community Café Dialogue project, she has helped to facilitate

dialogue workshops between police and local religious leaders, members of the Sri Lankan diaspora and local community members. While participating in the Australian dance community, she has implemented the launch of the first national Dance for Parkinson's program, including the country's first teacher training workshops.

Erica Rose completed her applied field experience in Mindanao with Move This World-Pilipinas. Move This World is a US-based international NGO that uses movement to reduce bullying, transform conflict and teach peace education. While in Mindanao, she participated in facilitation, teacher training, curriculum review and ongoing development of new adult programs. She was also involved in a three-part research study in conjunction with Move This World and Dr. Lesley Pruitt from the University of Melbourne focusing on: youth, gender and peacebuilding; the kinds and levels of cultural prejudice in Mindanao; and the connections between dance and empathy.

Before becoming a Peace Fellow, Erica Rose studied dance at the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School, before joining Ballet Internationale. After dancing professionally for several years, she attended Indiana University on full scholarship as a Wells Scholar and

graduated with degrees in Ballet and Mediation & Conflict Resolution. Erica Rose taught for the San Francisco Ballet program in public schools, Luna Dance Institute and directed Marin Dance Theatre's Let's All Dance! Outreach program. She also served as president of the San Francisco-Indiana University Alumni Association. She was instrumental in launching the Parkinson's Dance Project in Marin County. In addition to performing and choreographing, she co-directed the dance company COUNTERPOINTE.

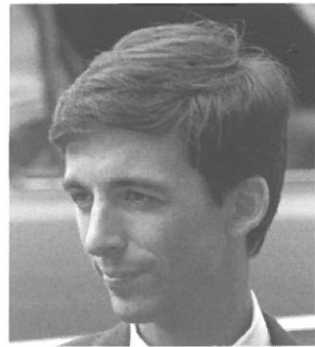
The first professional dancer to be selected as Rotary World Peace Fellow, Erica Rose is thrilled and very thankful to everyone along the way who has made it possible to continue her work as a dance activist using movement for positive social change. After graduation, she plans to continue to improve her Australian vernacular while building upon the wonderful connections and opportunities provided by Rotary. She seeks to increase the implementation of dance as a positive tool for peace through work in Australia and Asia with ongoing research linking empathy, the arts and peace.

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CHRISTOPHE STIERNON



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Host Club:
Toowong, District 9600

Originally from Brussels, Belgium, Christophe graduated in Economics and International Management from the ICHEC Brussels Management School.

Showing a true interest in engaging with different cultures and in helping others, Christophe rapidly took a turn towards the humanitarian sector and started to work as an emergency relief worker for an international NGO. He developed solid expertise in coordination and management of emergency and early recovery projects in situations of conflict, post-conflict and natural disaster.

Christophe first worked with the victims of deadly floods in one of the poorest states

of India (Bihar). He then moved to providing assistance to the internally displaced population of Iraq. In Pakistan, he took part in a large-scale response to both, the victims of floods in the South and the population living with the instability in the North. Finally, Christophe spent 18 months in Eastern Congo assisting populations trapped in a deep-seated and almost two decade-old conflict.

Christophe shows both personal and professional enthusiasm working in the humanitarian field. In the DRC, he sadly experienced the dramatic situation of an international community totally unable to address the problem with humanitarian NGO's being powerlessness to respond to the crisis. He is hoping to use his time at UQ to address issues such as this in his future career.

SHRUTI UPADHYAY



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Bhuj, District 3050

Host Club:
Brisbane Planetarium, District 9600

Shruti is a development worker from India. Having worked on the issues of women's rights and gender justice for more than a decade in various parts of India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, she has gained valuable insights into the development paradigm and issues pertaining to gender equality. She has worked to build positive peace through the design and implementation of community-based interventions within violence affected

communities, specifically focusing on women and breaking the culture of silence around domestic violence.

Shruti has worked with various civil society organizations like Utthan, Kutch Mahila Vikas Sangathan, Oxfam GB and Christian Aid to advance the rights of socially excluded communities. Shruti is also a Chevening Fellow, Government of UK at the University of Bradford and is a fellow Global Change Leader at Coady International Institute, Canada.

NAING KO KO



Sponsor Club:
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Host Club:
Capalaba, District, 9630

Naing Ko Ko was only 16 years old when he joined the pro-democracy protests in Burma in 1988. As a student, he was arrested for leading protests against the brutal military regime. At barely 20 years old, Naing Ko was a political prisoner with a seven-year sentence, including six years of solitary confinement, in Burma's prisons. Despite the appalling treatment and degradations endured during this time, Naing Ko managed to teach himself the English language with the aid of just

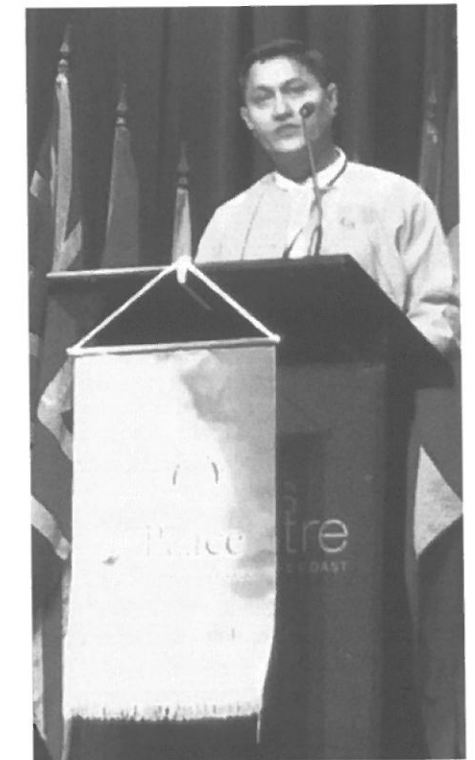
a few old copies of Time magazine and a dictionary. He did his English homework using plastics and sticks during his imprisonment.

He has worked on the Thai-Burma border in the areas of democracy, human rights, national reconciliation and economic development. For more than 10 years, he collaborated with UN agencies, state and non-state activists and intellectuals. His advocacy work with exiled Burmese political coalitions took him all around the world to meet with key global decision makers. He was an intern at the European Parliament and has been promoting democracy and national reconciliation for Burma on the global stage. New Zealand accepted Naing Ko as a UN-sponsored refugee in 2007. He was awarded the Human Rights Defender Award by Amnesty International-New Zealand in 2010. Naing Ko holds a Bachelor's (Hon.) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics-PPE and a Master's in Political Studies from the University of Auckland.

Naing Ko's applied field experience took him to the Australian Parliament to work with Janelle Saffin, a Federal Member of Parliament. There, he gained experience in policy-formulation, decision-making and other peaceful foreign and trade policy initiatives at the national level. One of his short-term objectives upon completion of the Fellowship is to pursue a Dphil or PhD in Peace, Democratization

and Economic Development. Naing Ko will continue his career to re-establish peace, democracy and human rights in Burma and in Southeast Asia upon completion and holds the longer-term aim of being able to return to his native Burma.

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NISSA RHEE



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Carindale, District 9630

Nissa Rhee is a writer who specializes in cultural and conflict issues. Her work has appeared in a variety of print and radio outlets, including The Christian Science Monitor, the Korean partner of the International Herald Tribune, CBC Radio and Radio Netherlands Worldwide. She has spent her time at The University of Queensland exploring how conflicts are formed and what role journalists can have in promoting peace.

Nissa did her applied field experience in Vietnam, where she developed promotional videos and materials for the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. Founded in 1978, VVAF works with Vietnamese partners to support the removal of unexploded ordnance, build schools and mental health clinics and assist Agent Orange victims. The organization co-founded the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997.

During her time in Vietnam, Nissa began work on a nonfiction book that explores the efforts of Americans and Vietnamese to address the continued legacies of the 1955-1975 war. She has interviewed over a dozen American veterans in Vietnam working to repair the lives and relationships damaged by the conflict.

Before moving down under, she lived in South Korea and Chicago. Between 2006 and 2009, Nissa worked as a producer and director of Chicago Public Radio's daily international affairs program "Worldview." She travelled with the show to both Mexico and Canada to report on immigration issues. Nissa's responsibilities on "Worldview" included producing the "Global Activism" series, which highlighted individuals that are working to make the world a better place. She also produced the audio component of the Iraq History Project and Current Violations Project – together one of the

largest documentation programs of human rights abuses in the world.

In South Korea, her reporting took her into the Korean demilitarized zone twice to research the wildlife that is flourishing in the area. Nissa also covered the 2010 North Korean bombing of Yeongpyeong Island, one of the worst attacks on South Korean civilians since the Korean War.

Nissa received her Bachelor's from the University of Chicago with a focus on Human Rights, International Relations and Creative Writing. She plans on moving back to the United States with her husband after the fellowship is finished and continuing her work as a writer.

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ATHILI ANTHONY SAPRIINA



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Wynnum & Manly, District 9630

Athili is a media practitioner and a student leader since the mid-1990s. He follows debates around climate change, development and conflicts in relation to indigenous peoples. He has research interests in counter-insurgency, psychological warfare and militarisation by states.

Athili is of Naga origin. The four million Nagas, divided into India and Burma and again, further 'arbitrarily' divided into four administrative units on the Indian side, are seeking the reunification of their land and people. The 1997 ceasefire between Nagaland and India has precariously held even as political negotiations at the Prime

Ministerial level in a third country have not made much headway.

He has been an observer at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York and in 2011 attended the Human Rights Advocates Program at Columbia University. He helped found the Asia Pacific Indigenous Youth Network and is currently an advisory council member. He was part of the first International Indigenous Youth Conference (IIYC) in Baguio, Philippines (2002) and the second IIYC at Vancouver, Canada (2005) and retains a wide network of peoples.

He envisions continuing work in the media in the future while broadening the debate around justice and peace concerns, especially in Nagaland and the tri-junction of India, Burma and China.

IOANNIS MARIOS SARIKAS



Sponsor Club:

West Kavala, District 2481

Host Club:

Sumner Park, District 9630

Ioannis has an undergraduate degree in International and European,

Economic and Political Studies from the University of Macedonia and a Master's degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from Leiden University.

He was a research assistant at Leiden University, working on the topics of insurgency and conflict resolution in Iraq and Afghanistan. His particular interest in the region of Middle East led him to travel and work in Jordan and Lebanon, doing

fieldwork on refugee camps and research on suicide missions.

He has worked for two NGOs – the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (Berlin) and the Institute for Historical Reconciliation and Justice (The Hague) – where he assisted with projects and publications related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the Turkey-Armenia dispute. Ioannis has also participated in a Georgetown University accredited summer school on International Politics and Conflict Resolution. He is particularly interested in the fields of international security, conflict resolution and peacebuilding in the regions of Middle East, the Balkans and Central Asia.

OMAYMA SAWAED



Sponsor Club:

Ashgrove/The Gap, District 9600

Host Club:

Ashgrove/The Gap, District 9600

Omayma Sawaed has a degree in Law from the Netanya Academic College in Israel. In 2005, she was called to the Israeli bar association where she practiced as a lawyer.

In 2008, Omayma earned her Master's degree in Human Rights and Democratization from the University of Malta, a Mediterranean master's program

founded by the European Commission. During that time, she spent four months at the National University of Ireland's Irish Centre for Human Rights in Galway. Omayma later served as an intern at the University of Pretoria's Centre for Human Rights in Pretoria, South Africa.

Her main interests centre on peace and conflict resolution in the context of the Israeli/Palestinian situation.

BREMEN DE HAAN



Sponsor Club:
Atlantic City, District 7640

Host Club:
Mt Gravatt, District 9630

Originally from Atlantic City, New Jersey, Bremen de Haan spent most of his summers with family in the Caribbean as well as The Netherlands, which undoubtedly sparked his interest in international studies and relations. While attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), Bremen had the opportunity to attend a semester in Costa Rica studying Latin American politics; there he formed a youth group for students going off to a University after high school. Bremen later graduated from UNC earning

a degree in International Studies with a concentration in International Economics and Development. It was his interest in International Development, that he gained from his time overseas and at UNC, that lead him to postpone his opportunity to become a semi-professional athlete in track and field, running in the US and Europe, to pursue the completely different path of International Studies and Relations.

After working in the financial district in Manhattan and coaching a season of high school track and field, Bremen was accepted to the US Peace Corps in Panama. There, he worked on urban and youth development in marginalized communities.

CHRISTEL GREINER BUTCHART



Sponsor Club:
Durham, District 7710

Host Club:
Jindalee, District 9630

Christel Greiner Butchart is an educator from Durham, North Carolina, in the United States. She teaches middle school students at Carolina Friends School and serves on the Peaceful Schools, NC committee. Christel has taught and further developed the conflict resolution program at CFS. She implemented a Rehearsal For Life course, based on Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed, which engages students in solving their own conflicts authentically through skits, role-play, and Forum Theatre. Christel has also created and implemented developmentally appropriate curriculum around issues of

diversity, inclusivity, power and privilege.

In addition to teaching, Christel's work with Peaceful Schools, NC has reached local and international educational settings around issues pertaining to the system of bullying by working with students, parents, teachers and administrators in building safer and healthier school communities. Christel recently presented Building the Conflict Resolution Toolbox at the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) national conference in Portland, Oregon, and served on the International Panel on Ending School Bullying at Duke University. She hopes to continue to empower teachers and school communities in effectively implementing a social curriculum founded in student education and practice of conflict resolution strategies.

MARIUS KOESTLER



Sponsor Club:
Eilsmarka, District 2310

Host Club:
Brisbane High-Rise, District 9600

Marius Koestler works at NABA as an advisor on business, marketing and management related issues. He currently holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. In addition to his commitments at NABA, Marius works as a business developer for a Norwegian company aiming to enter the sub-Saharan market as a software supplier to the financial sector.

Marius has several years of experience in the development aid sector and is one of the founders of the Norwegian NGO Fontes Foundation. He has field experience in places such as Rwanda and Uganda

where he has worked as a Programme Coordinator implementing drinking water projects and education programmes. His background as an undergraduate student in business administration has, in collaboration with others, led to several publications contributing towards a business case thinking within non-profit NGOs. In particular, the concept of "Water-Person-Years," which aims to re-think how the impact of drinking water projects should be measured, has gained traction within the water, sanitation and hygiene sector.

During his studies at the University of St. Gallen, he co-founded the "Challenge the Best" conference that brought together young talent from all over Europe to discuss global social challenges with international leaders and Nobel laureates.

ANA MARIA RODRIGUEZ CONTRERAS



Sponsor Club:
Chapinero in Bogota, District 4290

Host Club:
Brisbane Planetarium, District 9600

Ana holds a Bachelor's degree in political science and international affairs from the Universidad Javeriana. She has over six years of work experience in international cooperation, security, human rights and conflict resolution analysis.

While studying for her Bachelor's degree, she undertook research in human rights, conciliation and conflict resolution issues.

This led her to become passionate about the mechanisms that could enhance the possibility for peace and to help those less fortunate living in stressful scenarios and in need of humanitarian care.

After graduating, she engaged these issues by working side by side with international, national, private and public organizations including the UN, Control Risks, Fundacion Ciudad Humana and the Jesuit Service for Refugees. Ana contributed to the organizations' work in community development, sustainable humanitarian development and natural disaster relief/prevention in Latin America.

Through Ana's national and international work experience in the humanitarian field in third world countries such as Kenya, Argentina, Bolivia and Colombia and her passion for learning, she has aimed to improve the quality of life of vulnerable communities such as IDPs, children and indigenous communities. Over five years ago, she started a research group called Arte Para La Paz, in which she created a methodology to teach conflict resolution and conflict transformation tools through dance, theatre and photography to vulnerable communities in situations of transit and despair. This methodology can and has been implemented with different types of focus groups and is useful in any part of the world where there is conflict and the good will to transform it.

Her overall work experience, passion for travelling and ability to go outside her comfort zone has given Ana Maria the opportunity to travel to the most desolate areas to supervise social projects and work alongside communities to give them the proper training and tools to improve their lives. This has helped her understand the struggles of such communities, the few opportunities they are given to become self-sustainable, and why some become used to being victims and comfortable in their misery, despite the fact that a lot of national and international aid has been delivered to their communities.

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RICHARD ROEDER



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Host Club:
Cleveland, District 9630

Richard "Rick" Roeder is a lawyer from Munich, Bavaria, Germany. During his time as a Rotary Peace Fellow, he focused on the prevention of conflicts related to the exploration of natural resources through mining and energy production through legal means.

The University of Queensland – with its vast knowledge in mining related conflicts in the School of Political Science and International Studies, the Sustainable

Minerals Institute and the Centre for International Petroleum, Minerals and Energy Law at the TC Beirne School of Law – has been the perfect hub of knowledge for Rick to pursue his interests, and he is very grateful for having had this opportunity.

Before coming to The University of Queensland in January 2012, Rick studied law at Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany; the High Court of Munich, Bavaria, Germany and the University of California, Berkeley, USA. During his studies, he focused on international investment law, corporate law and international law.

Through a training program of the German Foreign Service, the Robert Bosch Foundation and the German National Academic Foundation, he was able to gain valuable insights into the work of international organizations such as the European Union, the United Nations Development Program, UNCTAD and Germany-based organizations including the German Foreign Service and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) (the German equivalent of AUSAID). Rick then worked as a lawyer in Germany and abroad for the international law firms Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, Hogan Lovells LLP, Latham & Watkins LLP and Hopgood Ganim LLP, both in general corporate and litigation as well

as the foreign direct investment and mining sectors.

He would like to use this opportunity to thank everybody who has made this experience such a pleasant and exciting one. He would especially like to thank his Rotary counsellor Jon Womersley and his wonderful wife Wendy, the fishing boat crew and everybody else at his host club RC Cleveland, Dr. Frank Leschhorn of the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise, his fellow Rotary Peace Fellows, Jill Gunter of the Rotary Foundation, Dr. Marianne Hanson, Marian Ophof, Debra McKenzie, Janet Lawrence, Dr. Saleem Ali of UQ, the UQ Basketball team, the UQ LASA team, and everybody else he could not mention.

After finishing his Masters he will work on his Ph.D. on the changing legal framework for foreign direct investments in the mining sector.

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MARION AKITENG



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Toowong, District 9600

A Ugandan by nationality, Marion attended school in Uganda from primary school to university. At Makerere University, she attained a degree in English Literature and English Language studies. She then went on to complete a postgraduate diploma in education and taught English literature and language in a secondary school. While teaching, she enrolled in a postgraduate diploma course focusing on youth in development.

Marion has been involved in several

extracurricular activities including Girl Guides and teaching young people about issues of peace and conflict resolution. She was also instrumental in forming a non-governmental organization working with rural and urban youth in Uganda. Furthermore, she played an integral role in developing the first set of conflict-resolution trainers in Rwanda in 2005.

Marion has also facilitated training sessions for refugees from Congo and Rwanda in the refugee settlements in Uganda in which transformative conversations regarding their countries' situations and coats of arms were held. Prior to coming to Australia, Marion worked with a demining organization in South Sudan.

DIEGO CASAGRANDE



Sponsor Club:
London, District 1130

Host Club:
Logan, District 9630

Diego was born in Brazil in a very multicultural environment, being part of an Italian family that migrated there. From a young age he had an interest in learning about different cultures and languages, and this interest has led him to study and work all over the world.

Diego has worked in development for the past seven years through various organisations on a volunteer basis, which has helped him to see how rewarding it is to use his time and skills to have a positive impact on the world. He started by working alongside church programs, and has since

volunteered with NGOs working on a variety of issues, including the Middle East Peace process, election monitoring, reconciliation and post-disaster and community re-development.

In 2011, Diego was a Frits Philips Fund recipient, which enabled him to work on post-tsunami responses in Japan. He spent three months working as part of a team in the areas affected by the tsunami as well as doing school visits throughout Japan.

Diego has a particular interest in post-war/post-disaster development as well as conflict resolution and peace building. He is excited to see how the Rotary Peace Fellowship will help further his expertise in the areas of mediation and cross-cultural understanding.

ZSOFIA ANNA DABOCZY



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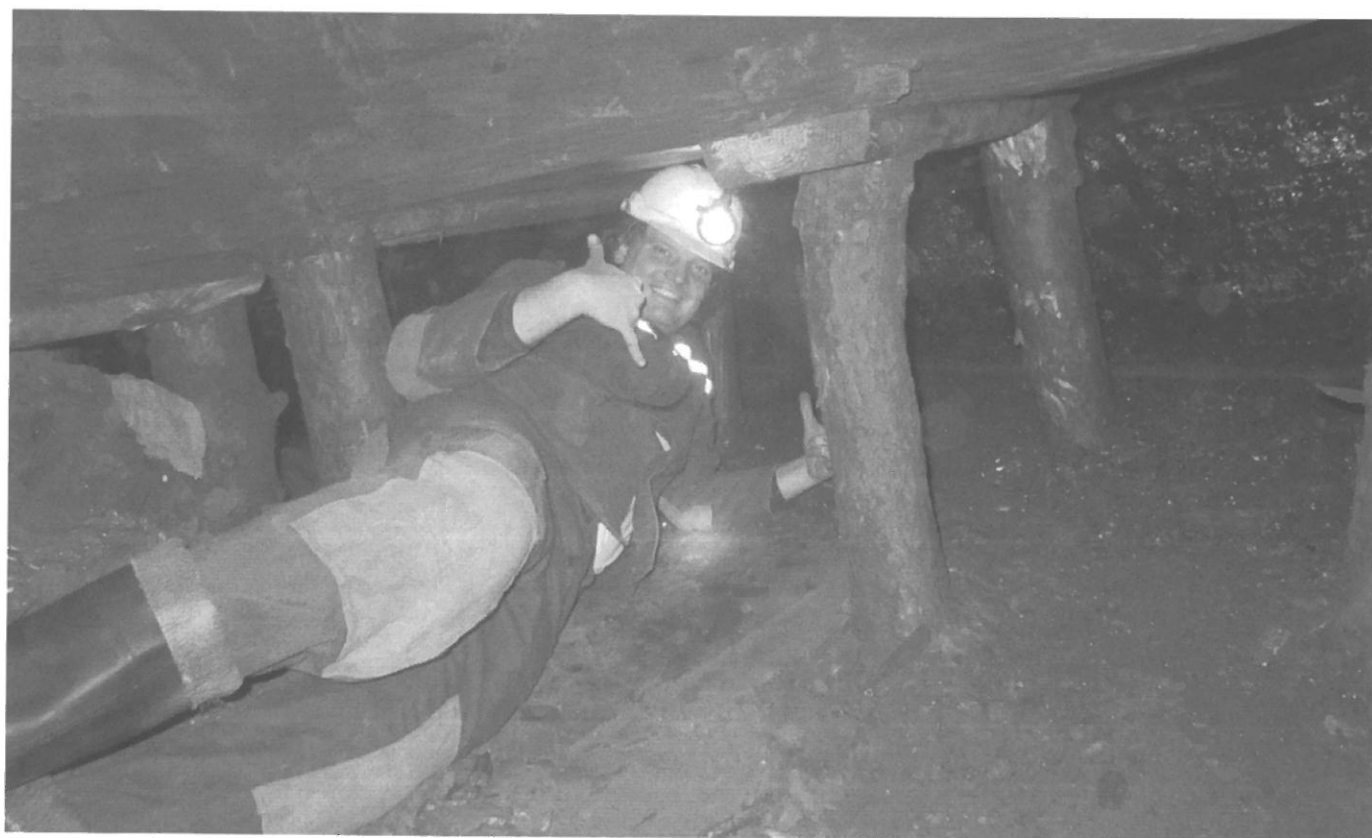
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Zsafia earned her Master's degree in International Relations in 2010 at Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. She strived to complement her academic studies with international exchanges and work experience by spending a semester in Barcelona and another working for an international NGO in Atlanta.

In 2009, she did an internship at the UN Headquarters in New York working for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support. This experience was the one that ultimately turned her in the direction of peace and conflict studies. Following her graduation in 2010, she worked for NATO Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, VA, USA, a four-

star military command of the organization serving as a think-tank and an engine within the alliance driving innovation and development. Here, Zsafia gained work experience in the fields of strategic communication, capability development and multinational experiment planning.

In 2011, she returned to Hungary to work in a complimentary field for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Zsafia is dedicated to furthering the comprehension and communication among nations, for a more peaceful and prosperous future in the international community. She is interested in fostering international cooperation, innovative partnerships to facilitate problem solving, crisis management and international development to bring about change in our world. She is interested in working along the lines of communication, international development and civil-military cooperation.



Class XI

RABI SHAH



Sponsor Club:
Kathmandu North East, District 3292

Host Club:
Pine Rivers Daybreak, District 9600

Rabi Shah is from Kathmandu – the ‘city of temples’ – and capital city of Nepal. Religious and cultural festivities form a major part of the lives of people residing in Kathmandu.

Rabi carried out his three-month internship with US based Alliance for Peacebuilding, where he contributed to the peacebuilding evaluation work of the organization. During the period, he researched and documented several dozen peacebuilding evaluation practices.

Rabi started his career as a volunteer in a rural village in Nepal where he worked with International Volunteers to develop the leadership skills of local youth and initiated environmental campaigns. During the recent period of armed conflict in Nepal, he undertook a research study on the local peace agendas of people affected by the conflict in order to contribute to sustainable peace. He also supported the Election Observation Mission of The Carter Center during the historic constitutional assembly election in Nepal.

Rabi has worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Nepal to support the transition of combatants from military cantonments to civilian life by providing them with access to career counselling, vocational skills training and micro-enterprise development service providers. He has also been actively involved in advocating

for the rights of youth, women and marginalized communities. His work has focused mainly on social inclusion, the rights of women and marginalized groups, peacebuilding and advocacy.

Rabi has a Master's degree in rural development from Nepal. He is particularly interested in community mediation, social inclusion and analysing the role of national and international actors in the resolution of conflict. Through his experience as a Rotary Peace Fellow, he has expanded his understanding of such issues and plans to continue working towards his goal of contributing to sustainable peacebuilding.

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MOHSEN SOLHDOOST



Sponsor Club:
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Mohsen was born in Iran in 1981. Having graduated with a Bachelor's in English Translation, he was hired by UNHCR to work as a Field Clerk at the border between Iran and Afghanistan in the wake of the Repatriation Operation in 2004. After a short while, he moved to the western borders of Iran and continued his career as a Repatriation Interviewer in the UNHCR Voluntary Repatriation Center in Orumieh in North-West of Iran. Mohsen joined UNICEF in 2005 as a Child Protection Assistant in the Psycho-social Unit for its Emergency Operation

and relief efforts for the quake-stricken people of central cities of Bam and Zarand in Iran. In December 2005, he moved to Mashhad and worked on a part-time basis with the Resettlement Unit of UNHCR Sub-office as an Interviewer. Later, he moved to Tehran and in 2006 was appointed as the Finance/Admin Assistant of the Global Fund Project to Fight HIV/AIDS in Iran.

Then he left Iran and started his Master's studies in British Literature in Malaysia in 2007. After a year, he was awarded the Japanese government fellowship to participate in the United Nations University International Courses on Governance of Emerging Global Issue and Globalization & Multilateral Systems. Upon returning home to visit his family, he was offered a new position by UNHCR and the Embassy of Afghanistan in order to establish a Refugee Secretariat in the premises of the Embassy. By assuming the position of Liaison Officer, he was tasked to create a Liaison function between the Embassy of Afghanistan and UN agencies, UNHCR in particular, and boost productive and collaborative relations with relevant external counterparts including donor governments.

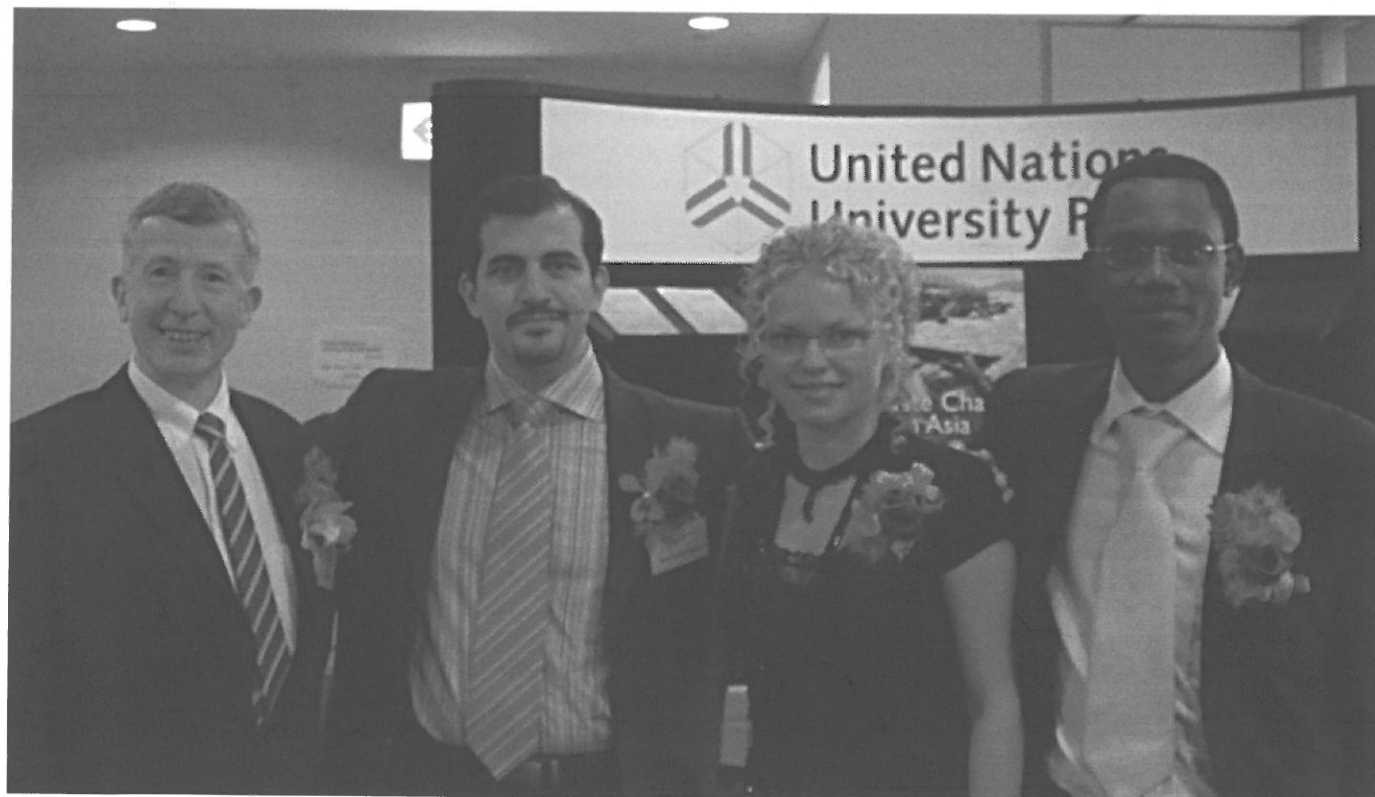
In the meantime, he was awarded a scholarship by the Austrian government in order to take part in a Specialization Course on Project Management of the International Civilian Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding offered by the Austrian

Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution in 2009.

His career background in the UN and his most recent achievements in establishing a Refugee Secretariat for the first time ever in Iran made him a successful applicant for three other scholarship opportunities. However, he only participated in two of them in 2010. One was on Conflict Transformation in Switzerland and another was an International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance offered by The Center for International Humanitarian Cooperation & Fordham University in New York City.

Mohsen is also a Persian traditional music player. Music is the medium through which he has established a peaceful connection with different musicians from around the world. He has accompanied different instrumentalists in a few places to which he has travelled in order to embrace cultural diversity and promote appreciation of music as a global language for perceiving peace.

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SOLVEIG BJÖRK SVEINBJÖRNSDÓTTIR



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Kópavogur, District 1360

Host Club:
Stones Corner, District 9630

Solveig was born and raised in Reykjavik, Iceland. Throughout her childhood she lived in the same neighborhood, enjoyed stability and long lasting friendships. She has an admirable 23-year-old daughter, Helena, who is in her final year of art studies in the capital of Finland, Helsinki.

Early in her career as a certified social worker she took the role as director of Social Services in several small communities in Iceland.

It was a challenging position that later profoundly influenced her career. This experience left her with a deep respect, understanding and concern for people who find themselves in vulnerable positions and require support during fragile periods of their lives. Thereafter, her geographical zone expanded and over the past six years she has been working abroad for various organizations within the humanitarian sector in Ethiopia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria and Haiti.

Working in the humanitarian sector has been her career choice and now she has had the opportunity to broaden her understanding of the subject with her current peace and conflict studies through the Rotary Fellowship. There are numerous tasks involved in order to work towards peace and reduce human suffering. A search for a sustainable solution is an ongoing demand that she considers a priority in the humanitarian field. This is a task where both academic and practical knowledge is essential,



going hand in hand with profound insight into existing social, political and cultural structures and an understanding of how relations throughout the history have constructed the current situation.

Her studies during the Rotary Peace Fellowship will hopefully be a valuable step for her career. She has gained knowledge that has added on her experience and she wishes to be able to contribute more after her studies to lessen suffering and do her share in making a more just world.

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