

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS'

Annual Seminar

INCLUSIVE PEACE:

Embracing Diversity



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WELCOME
FROM THE
DIRECTOR

DR. MELISSA CURLEY

The University of Queensland Rotary Centre for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution

As Director of the University of Queensland (UQ) Rotary Peace Centre, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the thirteenth annual Peace Fellows' Seminar. We are delighted that you can join us on this occasion, which is always a highly anticipated one within the School of Political Science and International Studies. It is an occasion that allows our Class XIII Peace Fellows to present their research to a wider audience drawn from Rotarians, academics, and the general public. We also introduce to you the Class XIV Peace Fellows, who play an important support role in today's activities.

The UQ Rotary Peace Centre was established at The University of Queensland in 2002, 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. Annually up to 110 Peace Fellows attend one of the Rotary Centres around the world to undertake a Master's Degree or Professional Development Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies. This reflects Rotary's commitment to education and learning as an important tool in the goal to advance peace and justice internationally.

2015 was a year of consolidating partnerships and extending upon the history of the Peace Fellowship program within the School. I travelled to Sao Paulo in Brazil to attend the Rotary Foundation's Rotary Peace Symposium which focussed on *Partnering for Peace* with the key note speech given by 1987 Nobel Prize winner, Dr Oscar Arias (pictured here). Here I was able to reconnect with some of UQ alumnus including Path Heang (Class I), Godfrey Mukalazi (Class III), Vikas Gora (Class V), Kevin Melton (Class VI) and Summer Lewis (Class IX). They all presented in the program on different themes, showcasing the work they are now doing in their specific fields.

In 2016, the School established the *Graduate Centre in Governance and International Affairs*, to further expand and consolidate the quality of postgraduate programs in political science, peace and conflict resolution, governance and public policy. We also launched the new Masters in Peace and Conflict Studies (MPaCS) program, which our incoming Class XIV are now undertaking, to extend course offerings in the areas of human protection, peacebuilding and conflict resolution.



The Class XIII Fellows that are presenting today are nearing the completion of their degrees. Many of the presentations today draw not only from their studies, but also from the *Applied Fieldwork Experience* undertaken over the summer break, which allows our Peace Fellows to extend their professional and practical skills. Peace Fellows and staff alike put much time into organising the AFE experience, and it is a source of satisfaction to see their hard work and enthusiasm for both scholarly and fieldwork pursuits showcased today.

In this way, the Peace Fellow's Seminar is a vital component of the Fellow's activities in the Rotary Centre – as it facilitates the building and maintenance of links between the Rotary Centre and Rotarians. The Seminar is a platform for our Fellows to share their experiences with Rotarians first hand, to hear about how their learning has progressed, and the journey they have embarked on both as scholars and practitioners. It is also the University's way of thanking Rotary for its contributions, support and funding of the program and indeed for its enlightened decision some time ago to work towards world peace, justice and understanding. These values are jointly shared by the University of Queensland, and are reflected in our substantial commitment to the School's teaching and research program in peace and conflict resolution.

Please join with me today in wishing them the very best as they approach the completion of their studies and undertake new challenges in their field.

Dr Melissa Curley

Director, *The University of Queensland Rotary Peace Centre*

WELCOME
FROM THE
ROTARY HOST AREA
COORDINATOR

NICHOLAS CURRY

Host Area Coordinator, Peace Fellow Program, Queensland



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the thirteenth Rotary Peace Fellow Seminar held at the University of Queensland.

The Seminar is an annual event at all of the Six Rotary Peace Centres. As our thirteenth cohort speaks to you today, their colleagues at Duke University are also presenting their experiences to an equally enthusiastic

audience. I wish both cohorts well.

Today, we will be hearing nine, very different presentations. They will be very different because of the different skills and experiences each Fellow brings to the program. Over the years, we have seen that the Fellows bring enormous diversity to the program both in terms of experiences and occupations. This year, our Fellows want us to consider what 'inclusive peace' means to us. They want to engage us, and perhaps even challenge us. And that would be a good thing.

The University of Queensland has been rigorous in developing this Master's degree in Peace and Conflict Resolution. This says a great deal about the importance that the University attaches to the Peace Centre. We, in Brisbane, should be proud that the University of Queensland remains one of the few founding universities of the program.

Class Thirteen is in the final stages of their degrees. I am certain that they will make positive and varied contributions to peace as they move ahead in their lives. Over the years, we have followed the progress of former Fellows and have been delighted for their achievements. And I look forward to doing the same with Class Thirteen.

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend today's seminar. This is especially disappointing as I hand over my role as Host Area Coordinator for the Peace Fellow Program to Shaughn Forbes in whom I have every confidence. This role is, very possibly, one of the most rewarding to be found within Rotary. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to have served as Coordinator, and I thank Rotarians, the University and the Peace Fellows for the support they have given me over the years.

Good luck and best wishes!

SHAUGHN FORBES

Incoming Host Area Coordinator



Shaughn has been a Rotarian for 13 years and involved in the Peace Fellows Program since it was established at the University of Queensland in 2002. She held the District 9600 position on the Foundation Committee, and served as the Peace Fellows sub Committee Chair for seven years.

In 2015 she was awarded a Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service for

her commitment to the scholarships program in District 9600 and beyond. She has recently been appointed by the Rotary Foundation as the incoming Host Area Coordinator for the coming three years, starting in July.

She is honoured by this appointment as Peace is her passion and becoming a Rotarian has been one of the best things she has done in her life.

W E L C O M E
TO THE **XIII**
ANNUAL ROTARY
PEACE SEMINAR

2016 PEACE SEMINAR OPENING REMARKS

Maria Caruso, Class XIII Representative



From the Top Left: Jenica Moore, Pem Wangdi, Gina Fu, Saila Huusko, Rachel Hall Beecroft, Maria Caruso, Katie Rougvie
From the Bottom Left: Nabi Sahak, Megan Smith

Hello to all Rotary Peace Seminar Attendees!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you who have come to this year's annual Peace Seminar, sponsored by the Rotary Peace Centre at the University of Queensland. The Class XIII Rotary Peace Fellows are thrilled to be hosting you for the day and hope you will enjoy our presentations which represent a culmination of our Master's experience here at UQ.

On behalf of our entire cohort, we would like to express our gratitude that you have taken the time to join us for the day. We have spent so much time in preparation and anticipation of today's events, and we very much hope that our presentations will not only be engaging but also instructive as to the different ways that we have experienced and reflected on peace in our lives.

Our theme for the day - "Inclusive Peace: Embracing Diversity" - has developed out of many discussions in our studies over the course of the year about how oftentimes many versions of peace are often excluded in professional settings. We have each encountered very different but relevant accounts of peace in our lives and in our work. Today, we hope to help broaden what the definition of peace means, and explain why certain understandings of peace are essential for different communities throughout the world and why they cannot be discounted because they are not universally understood or accepted. We

hope that everyone will leave today with an expanded perception of peace, and a new appreciation for the multifaceted nature of peace.

We would like to express our thanks to The Rotary Foundation for the incredible opportunity it has afforded us as Peace Fellows. Throughout this past year, we have been the recipients of overwhelming hospitality and support from the Rotarians of Districts 9600 and 9630 - and in particular our host clubs and counsellors - Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation. This fellowship has certainly been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will influence us long after we have completed our academic studies.

Additionally, there are so many others, without whom this program would not have been possible. We are indebted to our professors, tutors, colleagues and classmates, and the administrative staff here at the University of Queensland who have enriched and sustained our time here over the past year. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the Director of the Peace Centre at UQ, Dr. Melissa Curley, for her continuous and tireless efforts to make our time here the most positive and beneficial experience possible. She has been a constant advocate and source of support and encouragement.

With warmest regards and heartfelt appreciation,
The Class XIII Peace Fellows at UQ

PROGRAM

9:00 - 9:30am **Arrival & Registration**

9:30 - 10:20am **Opening Remarks & Introduction**

Acknowledgement of Country

Dr. Melissa Curley - Director, Rotary Centre UQ

Shaughn Forbes - Incoming Rotary Host Area Coordinator

Maria Caruso - UQ Peace Fellow Representative

Introduction of Class XIV Peace Fellows

10:20 - 11:00am **Positive Peace: Understanding What Creates Peace**

Introduction by Professor Saleem Ali

Guest Speaker: Murray Ackman, Institute for Economics and Peace

Q&A facilitated by Professor Saleem Ali

11:00 - 11:20am **Morning Tea**

11:20 - 12:30pm **Presentations**

Peace for Myanmar: Ceasefire, Democracy and Genocide

Rachel Hall Beecroft

One People. One Country.

Gina Fu

Building the Confidence and Capacity for Peace through Volunteerism in the Chittagong Hill Tracts

Pem Wangdi

12:30 - 1:30pm **Lunch**

1:30 - 3:00pm **Presentations**

The World Through a Lens: Questioning Dominant Narratives

Saila Huusko

Peace that Emerges from Disaster: Grassroots Engagement in Rural India

Maria Caruso

The Missing Peace: Achieving Gender Equality and Combating Gender-based Violence

Kate Rougie

Border conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan

Nabi Sahak

Bombs in Prosthetics: Including People with Disabilities in Peacebuilding

Megan Smith

Inclusive Peace: Embracing Diversity

Jenica Moore

3:00 - 3:30pm **Closing Remarks & Recognition**

GUEST SPEAKER

MURRAY ACKMAN

Research Fellow, Institute for Economics and Peace



Murray Ackman is a Research Fellow at the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), an independent, non-partisan, non-profit research institute. IEP is focused on the measurement of peace and conflict, assessing its economic costs and benefits and understanding its drivers. IEP achieves its goals by developing new conceptual frameworks to define peacefulness; providing

metrics for measuring peace; uncovering the relationships between business, peace and prosperity; and promoting a better understanding of the cultural, economic and political factors that create peace.

Murray has worked at IEP since early 2014, working across projects including the Global Peace Index, the Global Terrorism Index and various consulting projects. The Global Peace Index is the world's leading measure of national peacefulness, ranking 162 countries according to their levels of peace. His research areas include terrorism and conflict, drivers of resilience in the Middle East and North Africa region, measuring peacebuilding, Positive Peace and assessing risk. He is currently working on a review of the new Sustainable De-

velopment Goal 16 on measuring peace, justice and strong institutions.

Prior to IEP, Murray worked for two years as an Adviser on Research and Policy for the Salvation Army Australia, contributing to policy for juvenile recidivism, unemployment, youth homelessness, social services funding and welfare reform. He also spent time as a Business Analyst at Partners in Performance. He has a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (Hons I) with the university prize from the University of New South Wales.

INSTITUTE FOR PEACE & ECONOMICS



The Institute for Economics and Peace is the world's leading think tank dedicated to developing metrics to analyse peace and to quantify its economic value. It does this by developing

global and national indices, calculating the economic cost of violence, analysing country level risk and understanding positive peace.

The research is used extensively by governments, academic institutions, think tanks, non-governmental organisations and by intergovernmental institutions such as the OECD, The Commonwealth Secretariat, the World Bank and the United Nations. The Institute was recently ranked in the top 15 most impactful think tanks in the world

on the Global Go To Think Tank Index.

Founded by IT entrepreneur and philanthropist Steve Killelea in 2007, the Institute for Economics and Peace is impacting traditional thinking on matters of security, defence, terrorism and development.

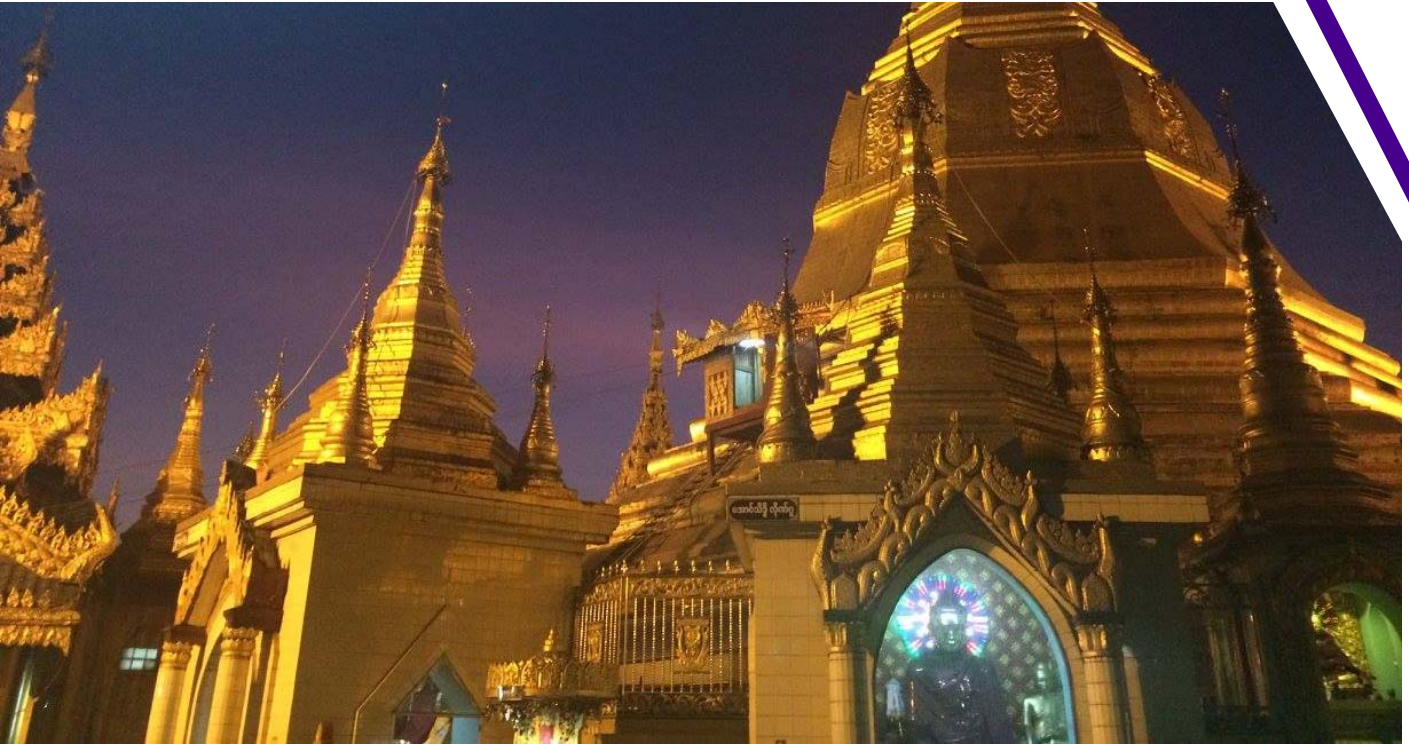
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CLASS

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2015-2016

RACHEL HALL BEECROFT



Sponsor Club:

Minneapolis University Rotary Club,
Minnesota, USA, District 5950

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Cleveland,
Cleveland, AUS, District 9630

Rachel is from Lansing, Michigan. She holds a Bachelor of In-

dividualized Studies in Political Science, Management, and Human Rights & Genocide Studies from the University of Minnesota. Rachel completed high school and university combined in a total of six years, and quickly developed a passion for travel. During a year abroad, Rachel volunteered at a small medical clinic in Haiti, interned in central India focusing on rural water management, and worked in Laos. Rachel has travelled and worked in 37 countries, and hopes to experience many more cultures in the coming years.

Upon returning to the United States, Rachel accepted a position with World Without Genocide, an anti-genocide organization that achieves its goals through education and political advocacy at local, state, and national levels. At World, Rachel created and implemented a three day, intensive Summer Institute for high school students, where students learn about gen-

ocide and the tools to stand up for human rights, both locally and globally. She is passionate about educating and training today's youth to create world change tomorrow.

Rachel travelled and worked in Southeast Asia and Australia before moving to Brisbane to begin her studies. As part of her Applied Field Experience, Rachel worked in Myanmar with Nonviolent Peaceforce, training civilians to act as unarmed civilian protection monitors and civilian ceasefire monitors.

As a private pilot, Rachel enjoys flying and you can find her developing handicrafts in her free time.

Rachel is grateful for this incredible opportunity, and is thrilled to be based in Australia, where she is able to stay connected to her interests of peacebuilding within the context of Southeast Asia.

MARIA CARUSO

**Sponsor Club:**

Rotary Club of Newburg,
Oregon, USA, District 5100

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Pine Rivers,
Murrumba Downs, AUS, District 9600

Maria is from Portland, Oregon. She attended the University of San Francisco where she received her BA in Politics and Middle Eastern studies with a

focus on Public Service. While in school, she spent time studying Contemporary Islam in Washington, D.C., Jordan, and Egypt. In Egypt, she developed a fascination with the complexities of international affairs and the influence of religiosity in politics - particularly in the Middle East. Shortly after graduating, she moved to Cairo, Egypt to study Arabic and to immerse herself in the cultural experiences and daily life of the Arab world. After leaving the Middle East, she relocated to Syracuse in upstate New York, with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. During her year of service she worked for Catholic Charities as an Outreach Worker in their Emergency Services Program, working primarily with families being evicted from their homes and gaining a new understanding of the struggles of domestic urban poverty. Before beginning the fellowship, she lived in Boston, Massachusetts, and worked at Crittenton Women's Union, a family homeless shelter that provides a safety net for those most in need and

also innovative solutions to help women and their families attain economic independence. Additionally, she volunteered for a start-up non-profit called Prosperity Catalyst, which serves women in impoverished countries and seeks to equip them with the tools and training to become independent entrepreneurs as well as leaders and catalysts for social change in their communities. There she worked in development and communications, helping to raise funds and awareness for the work of the organization. In her studies last year, Maria spent time focusing on disaster management and completed her field work in Vijayawada, in southern India, where she was exposed to the hardships rural communities face when struck by cyclones, flooding, and draught. She hopes to build on this experience by working in the field of disaster management after she graduates in June.



GINA KAR-LAY FU



Sponsor Club:

Rotary Club of San José Silicon Valley,
California, USA, District 5170

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Toowong,
Toowong, AUS, District 9600

Gina is an American of Chinese descent who was born and raised in California. She completed her undergraduate degrees at San José State University (SJSU) where she double majored in

Global Studies and Japanese language. While at SJSU, Gina studied abroad for an academic year at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan. After graduating, she worked at a local non-profit organization where she supported the educational developmental needs of underprivileged children (ages 1-14) from immigrant families. Gina then worked as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine for the next two years. She collaborated with Ukrainian educators to develop new learning resources and strategies for the classroom in addition to implementing other civic initiatives within the community. Upon returning to the United States, Gina joined an online educational platform as a curriculum developer with the goal of bridging the achievement gap in education for over 1.8 million student users in grades K-8 in over 36,000 schools. Gina recently completed her internship at a Chinese ecotourism social enterprise as part of her applied fieldwork experience (AFE) for Rotary and helped lay the foundation

for the organization's new sustainable development program in Zhonglu, a Tibetan village located in the Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. As a result of the AFE, she feels she received a valuable opportunity to work for an organization that occupies a unique niche in society during such a dynamic period in Chinese politics. She hopes to use the knowledge and skills gained through the Rotary Peace Fellowship to become more deeply involved with youth development and community empowerment in underrepresented regions.

Gina enjoys interacting with her community and was a food pantry volunteer. With her two dogs, she also volunteered at a senior citizen home and was part of a reading buddies program. Her other interests include traveling and learning languages. Gina speaks Japanese, Russian, and Cantonese and is currently learning Mandarin and Korean.

SAILA HUUSKO



Sponsor Club:

Luoteis-Helsingin Rotaryklubi,
Helsinki, Finland, District 1420

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Logan,
Logan, AUS, District 9630

Saila Huusko is an independent documentary filmmaker, journalist, and international conflict resolution professional. Her work has appeared online at Al Jazeera America, The Guardian, and Glob-

alPost - among many others. She worked for three years as the multimedia producer for Crisis Management Initiative, a conflict resolution organization founded and chaired by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Martti Ahtisaari. She has worked in several conflict and post-conflict areas, including West Africa, South Sudan, and Afghanistan. Her work, covering a range of themes from gender-based violence to the art of peace mediation, was screened at the European Parliament and the United Nations, and was distributed throughout the African Union.

Saila holds a BA magna cum laude with honors in Political Science from Middlebury College, where she also was a Davis UWC Scholar. She spent a semester studying Conflict Resolution in Washington D.C. and a semester in Santiago, Chile. She recently earned a Master of Science in Journalism with honors from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Born and raised in Finland, she is the recipient of several prestigious awards including the Helsingin Sanomat Foundation Jour-

nalism Fellowship, the Joan Konner Scholarship in Broadcast Journalism, and the Judy F. Crichton/duPont Award for best documentary in her graduating class at Columbia. She completed high school at the Mahindra United World College (UWC) of India as a scholar of the Finnish Cultural Foundation. Later, she volunteered to help start a UWC in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The experience had a profound impact on her. When the school opened in 2006, it was the first time in over a decade that young people from the different ethnic groups in Mostar shared a classroom.

Saila is currently co-directing her first feature-length documentary, which tells the story of a gay and Mormon professor who runs to become the president of the Navajo Nation, the largest Native American tribe in the United States. The documentary is slated for release at film festivals and a national broadcast in the United States within the next two years. Saila is interested in real-life stories that highlight underdogs and those fighting for positive change.



JENICA MOORE



Sponsor Club:

Comstock Park Rotary Club,
Michigan, USA, District 6290

Host Club:

Brisbane Inner West Rotary Club,
Brisbane, AUS, District 9600

Jenica Marie hails from District 6290, representing clubs from northwest Michigan and Canada. As an Ambassadorial Scholar to Jordan in 2007, she worked with children at the Madaba Youth Center. While there, she created a youth program on economic development and sustainability.

Since then, she has worked to create social justice organizations on Western Michigan University's campus for undergraduate and graduate students, providing participants with educational, leadership, and internship opportunities. Jenica is most interested in studying conflict and security in the Middle East. Particularly, she is interested in aspects of ethnic conflict such as determining the predictability of violent outbreaks, measuring the influence of groups during times of ten-

sions, and assessing the international implications of seemingly localized violence.

She is also eager to explore the insights of conflict prevention that game theory may offer. Political economy is also an important aspect of her studies.

Dancing, sports, and musical theater are among her favorite activities. She is thankful for the support that her district has given her over the years, and has very much enjoyed her studies at the University of Queensland.

KATE ROUGVIE



Sponsor Club:

District 1040, Yorkshire, UK

Host Club:

Mount Gravatt Rotary Club,
Mount Gravatt, AUS, District 9630

Kate is from the United Kingdom, and has come to UQ thanks to the support of local Rotary International District 1040 of Yorkshire, England. Kate is a specialist in prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV) in humani-

tarian emergencies, with a focus on conflict-affected countries.

In 2010, she graduated with an MA in Languages from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland. Having already spent time in India working on development projects, she decided to change direction from languages towards humanitarian assistance, peace and security issues, and took up an internship with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) in New York. Here, she was exposed to issues around military and civilian response to conflict-related sexual violence, and worked on policy around the Protection of Civilians by UN peacekeeping missions.

Following this she moved to Jordan to work with a UN agency on security and protection issues across the Middle-East, focusing on Palestinian refugees. She then moved to the Democratic Republic of the Congo where she worked with an international NGO on election issues and was inspired by the work of women's political empowerment groups. Her following mission was to Liberia, where

she worked on emergency Child Protection programs for an INGO, supporting Ivorian refugee children and Liberian host communities. She then moved to South Sudan where she implemented GBV prevention and response programs for an INGO. Kate's last mission was to the Central African Republic, where she spent 15 months overseeing the GBV and Protection department, and led the national coordination of humanitarian response to GBV during and following the outbreak of violent conflict in 2013.

During her time as a Rotary Peace Fellow at UQ, Kate spent three months in Beirut, Lebanon, as a Visiting Researcher with the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World - part of the Lebanese American University. She carried out research on gender and security sector reform in the Lebanese context, and supported a project to build the capacity of the Lebanese police force to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls, and to improve gender equality in the forces.



NABI SAHAK



Sponsor Club:

Rotary Club of Great Falls,
Virginia, USA, District 7610

Host Club:

Brisbane High Rise Rotary Club,
Brisbane, AUS, District 9600

Nabi Sahak graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University in the United States. Na-

bi was born in Kabul, Afghanistan. Before migrating to the U.S., he lived in Afghanistan for nearly 30 years, and witnessed five regime changes: the Soviet war from 1979 to 1989, the post-communist government from 1989 to 1992, the civil war from 1992 to 1996, the Taliban government from 1996 to 2001, and finally the Karzai government. He speaks four South Asian languages fluently: Pashtu/Pukhtu, Dari, Farsi, and Urdu. From 1997 until 2002, he worked as a BBC reporter. In this capacity he travelled to 27 provinces of Afghanistan (out of 34) when the Taliban ruled the country. He also travelled extensively among numerous refugee camps throughout Pakistan. As a BBC reporter, his primary task was to conduct focus groups, interviews, and surveys to collect and analyse data for the BBC's Afghan Educational Project. Throughout those five years, he learned about the governments, cultures, master narratives, societal norms, philosophical and anthropological makeup of the

societies in South Asia, specifically those in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

As part of his Applied Field Experience from October to December 2015, Nabi travelled to Central Asia to explore whether or not the dispute over the contested border, Durand Line, between Afghanistan and Pakistan could be peacefully resolved.

After his graduation as a Rotary Peace Fellow with a Master's degree in Peace and Conflict Resolution, Nabi intends to work as a practitioner in the field. He will be exploring employment with non-governmental or non-profit organizations that focus on and promote human rights, particularly in the post-conflict environments.

Nabi's personal background, extensive professional experience, and deep interest in the field of peace and conflict resolution make him a great practitioner and scholar of peace.

MEGAN SMITH



Sponsor Club:

Eugene Metro Rotary Club,
Oregon, USA, District 5100

Host Club:

Brisbane Centenary Rotary Club
& Balmoral Rotary Club,
Brisbane, AUS, District 9600

Megan Smith is an English-American disability rights activist with a background in leading exchange and development programs within Central and South Asia, the Middle East, Northern

Africa and South America. Megan has worked for a grassroots non-governmental organization Mobility International USA, leading international exchange and development programs promoting the rights of people with disabilities and vulnerable populations. With a passion for implementing inclusive development practices, Megan has recently worked to make health care clinics and programs accessible to women with disabilities in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Working with local advocacy organizations in Pakistan and with local women with disabilities, Megan conducted workshops, training healthcare providers and humanitarian aid workers in creating inclusive reproductive health, vocational training and disaster risk reduction programs. While in Afghanistan, Megan worked with landmine survivors in rural Ghazni, focusing on improving access to family planning and psychosocial support programs, as well as working with demining agencies in the rural provinces. She has worked within rehabilitation programs for imprisoned

women with disabilities involved in terrorist activity within Afghanistan. While working within a community based rehabilitation framework, she collaborated with communities to identify areas that made women with disabilities more vulnerable to recruitment for terrorist or illegal activities. Most recently, Megan spent time with UNICEF Cambodia to support its disability inclusive programming. During her time at UNICEF, Megan supported the development of learning materials on disability inclusion, mapping disability related data and information on children with disabilities, and documentation of partners' activities. Working closely with Cambodian ministries, Megan developed and led capacity building workshops for the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Social Affairs on inclusive development. While with UNICEF, Megan contributed to important discussions in the office regarding inclusion and outside of the office initiated the development of Cambodia's first wheelchair accessible tuk-tuk.



PEM WANGDI



Sponsor Club:

Rotary Club of Thimphu,
Thimphu, Bhutan, District 3292

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Kenmore,
Brisbane, AUS, District 9600

Pem is from Bhutan and a mother of two. Prior to coming to Australia, she worked with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Bhutan where

she headed the Management Support Unit overseeing its program and financial management, and providing quality assurance support. Pem has an undergraduate degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from the Rangsit University, Thailand, and a Masters' in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University in the U.S., where her Masters' thesis focused on the Impact of Integrated Community Development Projects on Gender Relations. Pem has also worked with the National Commission for Women and Children (NCWC), Bhutan's first and only human rights organization looking after the rights of both women and children playing a key role in its establishment and program formulation. Her work at the NCWC included working with the judiciary and the police in reviewing existing legal and police processes and advocating for their reform to make them more women and children friendly, and a local NGO (RENEW) to expand its outreach and rehabilitation pro-

grams. Her work also included meeting victims of violence (primarily domestic violence) - the youngest being only 6 months - in order to document their stories to support future policy development (Bhutan now has a Domestic Violence Prevention Act). Together with her two children, Pem was in Bangladesh over the summer for her Applied Field Experience portion of the Fellowship working with the UNDP Bangladesh Country Office. She was attached to the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility, the project office for UNDP's flagship program in Bangladesh. Pem firmly believes that the Fellowship and the degree in Peace and Conflict Studies has expanded her capacity and working opportunities. She is positive that the opportunity provided by this fellowship will give her a better grounding and more substantive knowledge and skills to work on issues of peace and conflict resolution in cultural settings very different from her own.

CLASS

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2016-2017

DANIEL CASTANHEIRA

**Sponsor Club:**

Rotary Club João Pessoa-Norte,
Paraíba, Brasil, District 4500

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Forest Lake,
Brisbane, AUS, District 9630

Daniel Castanheira was born in João Pessoa, the capital of Paraíba, a small state in the northeast of Brazil. While being a region rich in natural resources

and with breathtaking landscape, it is also a region where basic services are inaccessible, social and income inequalities are stark, and communities are consistently affected by droughts. Within this context, he developed a great commitment to social justice. In 2011, Daniel started to volunteer at a local NGO that aims to promote and protect rights inherent to citizenship, especially those of children and adolescents, the disabled and elderly. He started providing free legal counselling and assisting in organizing capacity-building courses to officers of the Guardianship Councils. In 2015, Daniel was appointed Treasurer of the NGO and a member of the NGO's Board. Through his experience at the community level, Daniel developed a profound desire for his work to have a more global impact. After four years of private practice, he left his career as a

lawyer and through a scholarship from the Brazilian Government, undertook a Masters in International Relations graduating in 2015. The research he conducted within the program developed his interest in the protection of conflict displaced populations. After completing the Master's program, he interned with the Protection Unit of UNHCR's office in Brasília. Additionally, during his time in Brasília and before coming to Australia, he worked as a Protection Assistant at the Institute of Migration and Human Rights, one of the organizations that represents Brazilian Civil Society at the National Committee for Refugees (CONARE). As a Protection Assistant, he worked with Refugee Status Determination procedures, specifically by conducting interviews with asylum-seekers, preparing advisory opinions on their eligibility for Asylum and presenting their cases at

JOHANNES DEHLER

**Sponsor Club:**

Rotary Club of Cleveland,
Ohio, USA, District 6630

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Logan,
Logan, AUS, District 9630

Johannes is from Fulda in Germany, a town that was of strategic importance during the Cold

War, because the 'Fulda Gap' was seen as a key entry route for a Warsaw Pact advance to Western Europe. The events of 1989/90 and their implications for the lives of people in the highly militarized border area inspired him to focus on International Relations and Conflict Resolution. After his studies in Political Science, Geography and Development Studies, Johannes worked with a wide range of NGOs active in the fields of development cooperation and peace-building in conflict-affected areas of Southeast Asia. In Myanmar, Thailand and Mindanao in the Southern Philippines, his work focused on the protection of civilians, ceasefire monitoring and the prevention and transformation of armed conflict. Before his fellowship at the University of Queensland, he worked as the Protection Project Manager with the International

Rescue Committee (IRC) on preparedness for voluntary return of refugees and internally displaced persons in Kayin State, Myanmar. Johannes facilitated the provision of medical, legal and psycho-social responses to grave child rights violations as part of the UN-led Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism in Mindanao. He also worked as a researcher on land governance, development and economic reforms in Myanmar, and as a consultant on program development and capacity building related to organisational development, conflict transformation, democratisation and political education. Johannes's main research interests are the dynamics around community-based protection in the context of ceasefires and peace processes as well as conflicts over natural resources.

KRISTINA SINTIA DEWI

**Sponsor Club:**

Rotary Club of Roseville,
Minnesota, USA, District 5960

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Brisbane Rocks
Riverside, Brisbane, AUS

In 2002, Kristina began as a researcher and trainer in the Center for Security and Peace Studies in Jogjakarta, Indonesia. She

focused on peacebuilding issues and worked with a wide range of civil society organizations, government agencies, international organizations and academics in conflict and post-conflict zones of Aceh, Ambon, Poso and West Papua. She then became a consultant for the American Friends Service Committee, which focuses on peace values and nonviolence. As a consultant on youth and development, Kristina designed a peacebuilding program for youth in the post conflict areas of Aceh and Ambon provinces. She then worked with disaster victims following the tsunami and also with conflict victims in Aceh during 2004 and 2005.

Afterwards, she decided to expand her comfort zone by working in Mindanao in the Philippines. There, she worked with Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP), where she was able to fully ap-

ply her desire and training in peace and conflict studies. Her career with NP started as an International Civilian Protection Monitor where she monitored, verified and reported on compliance and non-compliance by conflict actors in Mindanao. After four years, she returned to Indonesia to work with the International Organization for Migration where she worked as Project Coordinator handling a Disaster Risk Reduction project in West Java province. After the project finished in 2014, she continued working with IOM on a community policing project in two provinces: Papua and West Papua, where she managed project implementation. She then moved to Brisbane to begin this Fellowship.

KYASINGMONG MARMA

**Sponsor Club:**

Rotary Club of Akron
Ohio, USA, District 6630

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Rotary Club of Aspley
Aspley, AUS, District 9600

Kyasingmong (Mong) is from the remote village of 'Dongnala' Bangladesh. He belongs to the 'Marma' indigenous community, one of the indigenous peoples collectively known as 'Jummas' who have been struggling for their rights and identities against the majority Bengali dominant government. While studying at the University of Dhaka, he was involved in indigenous students' movement to protect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples and protest against military atrocities. In 2007, he received an AusAID scholarship for his bachelor's degree in Legal and Justice Studies at Southern Cross University of Lismore, NSW. After graduating, he began working with Peace Brigades International in Nepal as a Human Rights Field Officer. He provided protective accompaniment to at-risk human rights lawyers and defenders. After working in Nepal, he joined the Nonviolent Peaceforce in Mindanao, in the Philippines, as an International

Civilian Protection Monitor, where his major responsibilities consisted of monitoring, verification and reporting on ceasefire-related violence between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and protecting civilians during violent conflicts. Mong then joined the Indigenous Peoples Organization based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, as a Human Rights and Policy Advocacy Officer. He conducted advocacy work on the issues concerning indigenous peoples' lives and livelihoods at various regional and international forums including ASEAN and the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva, Switzerland, finishing this work at the end of 2015. He is looking forward to developing research skills in the field of conflict resolution in order to apply them to future work on issues related to indigenous peoples' rights.

ALEXANDRA SAJBEN

**Sponsor Club:**

District 7255, New York, USA

Host Club:

Rotaract Club of South Brisbane,
South Brisbane, AUS, District 9630

Alexandra hails from District 7255 in New York City, USA. Before coming to the University of Queensland, Alexandra

worked as the Regional Programs Liaison with the Coalition for the International Criminal Court - a network of over 2,500 civil society organizations. In this role, she assisted with advocacy and coordination efforts in offices around the globe, including Thailand, Benin, Morocco, Belgium, the Philippines and Peru. Initiatives undertaken at the Coalition included tasks such as the implementation of the Rome Statute into national legislation in various countries, ensuring victims' rights and civil society participation with the Court.

In addition, she consulted for an anti-trafficking campaign with a focus on facilitating dialogues about controversial issues in the anti-trafficking community. Recent topics include sensationalist fundraising, preferred legal

frameworks for trading sex, and how to ensure that survivors are not marginalized. Previously, Alexandra worked as a UN Advocacy Associate for a small faith-based NGO. She monitored social development, human trafficking, and women's and girls' issues in the 2nd and 3rd Committees of the Economic and Social Council at the United Nations.

Alexandra graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in French Literature and a supplementary major in Peace Studies. Before graduating, Alexandra interned at Asylum Access, a refugee rights organization, as well as a small non-profit organization focused on education efforts for girls in western Kenya. Alexandra is proficient in French and is currently studying Arabic.

FOLASHADE SAMUEL

**Sponsor Club:**

Rotary Club of Ibadan,
Ibadan, Nigeria, District 9125

Host Club:

Rotary Club of South Brisbane,
Brisbane, AUS, District 9630

Folashade was born in Lagos, Nigeria. She graduated from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria with a BA in Communications and Language Arts.

She has worked with local NGOs focused on women's and youth development, and trains youth (17-30 years old) on the dangers of violent extremism and radicalization.

Folashade believes that engaging and exposing youth to peace education, tolerance, respect for human dignity and diversity will reduce radicalization and be a means to an end of the era of recruiting young girls and boys to various armed (terrorist) groups emerging in our society.

She is currently involved in organizing seminars for high school students on becoming peace ambassadors rather than terrorist representatives.

She loves to teach and mentor on leadership, girls' education, and gender equality. Folashade loves to learn about new dimensions and best approaches to minimize conflict and eradicate poverty that result from social exclusion, gender inequality and conflict.

Folashade believes that to eradicate poverty, the state and people must prioritize education especially for the girls. She loves to travel, write, and engage with humanitarian assistance and community development programs.

LEANNE SIMON

**Sponsor Club:**

Durham Sunrise Rotary Club,
North Carolina, USA, District 7710

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Loganholme,
Loganholme, AUS, District 9630

Leanne works with very young children (3-11yo) in peace educa-

tion, cultural awareness and food justice, and also takes freelance assignments in documentary video and socio-political blog writing. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development, with a concentration in child rights, a Bachelor of Science in Spanish, and is on leave-of-absence from a Master of Art program in Peace & Conflict Studies in order to pursue a Master of International Studies in Peace & Conflict Resolution from UQ. Using documentary arts, oral history, and creative nonfiction, Leanne continues to advocate for and ally with local and international groups to share healing and reconciliatory narratives. Her work has taken her to Costa Rica, Mexico and Colombia and highlights the effects of transnational corporations and their policies on

violence, scarcity and immigration. Another experience that impacted her direction was a week-long full-immersion conflict simulation. Participants were required to design and build a humanitarian space in an active conflict zone, manage wounded and cholera-stricken refugees, and negotiate with government agents, military officials, prison wardens and leaders of an opposition militia group. In this, Leanne realized a passion for emergency management, and a focus on stabilization and safety for women and children in fragile zones. The mother of two young boys, Leanne can often be found climbing trees, riding bicycles and all-around adventuring. In her "spare" time, she writes and is in the process of editing a memoir.

LAURIE SMOLENSKI

**Sponsor Club:**

Grosse Pointe Rotary Club,
Michigan, USA, District 6400

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Bribie Island,
Bribie Island, AUS 9600

Laurie is from Detroit, Michigan. Her core interests lie in immi-

gration, and before coming to Brisbane she worked as the Development Manager at the New York Immigration Coalition, a statewide policy and advocacy coalition that advocates for the rights of immigrants and refugees. She previously obtained a Master's degree in International Relations with a focus on women's rights and migration from the Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain through a Rotary Global Grant. Her international experience includes working with female human trafficking survivors in Spain and indigenous women in the Solomon Islands, and she has collaborated with Amnesty International and the U.S. State Department around immigration and human traffick-

ing. An avid writer, Laurie has been a regular contributor to *Waging Nonviolence*, a publication with international readership that examines nonviolence and global struggles for justice through peace. As part of the Peace and Conflict Studies program, she hopes to learn quantitative methods and how mapping and statistics can advance social change, and to further explore current opportunities and challenges posed by immigration, particularly in the context of the United States and Europe. Laurie has been involved in Rotary since her childhood, and her family has hosted more than fifteen Rotary youth exchange students.

TONY ZHANG HAN

**Sponsor Club:**

Rotary Club of Chengdu
Chengdu, China, District 0052

Host Club:

Brisbane Planetarium Rotary Club,
Brisbane, AUS, District 9600

Tony was born in Kunming and most recently lived in Chengdu, China. Since 2010, Tony worked for Heifer China as the Communi-

cation & Networking Officer, School Program Manager and Development & Communication Manager. His major responsibilities included domestic fundraising, communication, poverty education, and donor care. Heifer International works to lift impoverished farmers in rural China out of poverty and strengthen community cohesion to improve their dignity. In 2008, an 8.0 magnitude earthquake struck Sichuan Province causing more than 100,000 people to perish. Tony feels that destiny brought him to Rotary when he answered a call for service following this earthquake. Tony began volunteering for Rotary's ShelterBox, and helped deliver 800 boxes and thousands of tents to homeless refugees in the remote mountainous countryside. Tony became the first certified ShelterBox Response Team member from China and completed two more deployments in 2009

and 2010, helping to send hundreds of tents to typhoon and earthquake affected victims in China's Anhui and Qinghai provinces. Tony assisted in organizing the First Rotary District 0052 Conference in Chengdu, held Rotary fundraising events, and strengthened the communication among Rotarians in Switzerland and China as a GSE program participant. Tony co-founded the Chengdu chapter of Toastmasters International out of a desire to improve his leadership and communication skills. He was awarded the "Division Governor of the Year" and "Area Governor of the Year" of District 0089 in the past two years due to his excellent service for fast development of Toastmasters in Southwest China. Tony obtained his MA in Applied Linguistics and BA in English Education (Teaching English as Second Language) at Southwest University in Chongqing.

CATRINA ZIESMAN

**Sponsor Club:**

Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar,
Ontario, Canada, District 7080

Host Club:

Rotary Club of Windsor,
Windsor, AUS, District 9600

Catrina was born in Toronto, Ontario. Growing up in a multiethnic

household with immigrant parents, her mother being from Trinidad and Tobago and her father from Germany, Catrina was instilled with a strong appreciation for multiculturalism and an understanding of the challenges associated with cultural coalescence. This understanding has inspired her passion to work towards the empowerment of women and building healthy, resilient communities. Catrina's international work has taken her to Latin America, Africa and Central Asia for projects helping to strengthen and integrate healthcare systems. For the past three years, she has worked as a consultant on a maternal, newborn and child health project partnership between the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development and local institutions both in Canada and Kenya. The ultimate goal of this project has been the reduction of

maternal and infant mortality in rural regions of Kenya. As a Community Development Specialist, she has helped to create strategies that increase women's access to primary healthcare as well as develop self-sustaining communities. In addition to her time in Kenya, she worked as a Program Manager with a grassroots HIV/AIDS NGO in Southwestern Ontario addressing the AIDS pandemic in Lesotho, Africa.

Her involvement with Rotary began in 2010 with a six-month Canadian International Development Agency internship in Guayaquil Ecuador where Catrina worked as a Health Education Assistant. Her local Rotary club has been an inspirational force throughout her career in international service and development. She feels incredibly blessed with the opportunity to be a Rotary Peace Fellow.

NADIA MAHMOOD



Sponsor Club:

Rotary Club of Charleswood,
Winnipeg, Canada, District 5550

Host Club:

Brisbane Planetarium Club,
Brisbane, AUS, District 9600

Nadia Mahmood is a first generation Canadian, raised in an interfaith and intercultural home. Nadia has travelled, volunteered and worked in more than 30 countries. During her dual Bachelors degree in International Development and Political Science,

Nadia interned in Pakistan with local NGOs providing education for child labourers and advocacy for the rights of landless and stateless communities.

After graduating in 2003, Nadia taught English in Nepal and Taiwan, and volunteered with the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata, India. She then worked in the field of women's rights and community development in Afghanistan with the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development. Next, she spent several years as a Program Coordinator for Medical Emergency Relief International, implementing emergency health, water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence prevention programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo, followed by coordinating flood disaster relief operations in Pakistan's Baluchistan province. Nadia then returned to Canada to work as the Manager of Diversity and Intercultural Services at Red River College in Winnipeg, designing and implementing programs to support

refugee, immigrant and international students, create inclusive learning environments and facilitate diversity and intercultural training programs. She has also been an active member of grassroots organisations analysing the impact of immigration and settlement policy and advocating for the fair treatment of newcomers in Canada. She has also served as a board member for Humankind International, a group including former University of Queensland Peace Fellows, implementing a peacebuilding Early Childhood Education program in Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya.

Nadia is extremely grateful to Rotary and the University of Queensland to have this opportunity to process and unpack her experiences, learn how to more effectively address causes of conflict and oppression and continue working towards navigating cultural difference to create a more just and equitable world.

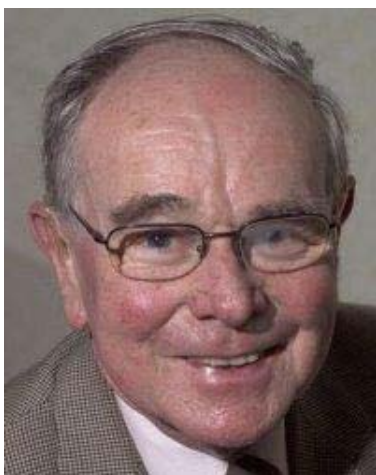


Top: Kyasingmong Marma

Middle, from left: Folashade Samuel, Alexandra Sajben, Nadia Mahmood, Catrina Ziesman, Leanne Simon

Bottom, from left: Daniel Castanheira, Kristina Sintia Dewi, Laurie Smolenski, Johannes Dehler, Tony Zhang Han

BOB FELS



Bob Fels, a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne for 30 years, is making his 5th visit to UQ's Rotary Peace Centre. His District, 9800, leads the world in successfully nominating Rotary Peace Fellows with 28 selected. As a member of Rotary's International Peace Centers Committee from 2007-13, Bob was tasked with several significant assignments including leading the Task Force to identify an additional Rotary Peace Center

in Uppsala, Sweden. Bob, originally a chemist, was Warden of International House, University of Melbourne and Life Member, Association of Australian Heads of University Colleges, of which he was National President. He has visited every Peace Center and his contributions have been recognised by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation with the "Citation for Meritorious Service".

ERICA ROSE JEFFREY *UQ Peace Fellow, Class X*

Erica Rose Jeffrey believes in the power of movement connected to positive social change. Involved in multiple communities, she has worked internationally as a performer, choreographer, educator, arts leader and facilitator. The first dancer to be selected as a Rotary World Peace Fellow, she completed a Masters in Peace and Conflict

Studies at The University of Queensland. Erica Rose continues to investigate the connections of dance, empathy and peace as a PhD candidate at Queensland University of Technology. She is also currently the Program Coordinator for Dance for Parkinson's Australia and was instrumental in bringing the program to Australia.

CASEY CROCKET *UQ Peace Fellow, Class X*

Originally from Michigan, District 6290, Casey began her career working as an English

teacher for non-English speaking youths in Japan, Spain and Texas. Casey came to Australia as part of the Class X Rotary Peace Fellows. Since finishing her masters in July 2013, Casey has pursued a career in mediation and has been working for the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney General at the Dispute Resolution Branch. She is a dynamic dispute resolution practitioner trained in facilitation, restorative justice practices and is a nationally accredited mediator. In her spare time, Casey

works with UQ Development as a development assistant welcoming people from other countries to Australia for academic exchange and helping to foster better relations between countries. Casey also remains active volunteering with the Community Café project bringing together all types of people for dialogue and engaging conversations about important topics. Casey draws on her peace fellow background and mediation skills to build a more peaceful world every day.

DR. MELISSA CURLEY

Director, University of Queensland Rotary Peace Centre



Dr. Melissa Curley is Senior Lecturer in International Relations in the Department of Political Science and International Studies at The University of Queensland. Her research and teaching interests include East and Southeast Asian politics and international relations, Cambodian politics, and non-traditional security in East Asia (including trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling, health

& pandemic disease and child protection issues). Dr. Curley also co-facilitates the UQ Working Group on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in the T.C. Bernie School of Law. Her most recent book is *Migration and Security in Asia* (Routledge 2008) with S.L. Wong. She is currently working on a book on civil society in post-conflict reconstruction and democratisation in Cambodia.

PROFESSOR SALEEM ALI

Director, UQ Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining



Dr. Professor Saleem Ali is the Director of the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSRSM). Since starting at CSRSM in 2012, Professor Ali has committed to expanding the work of CSRSM to cover pressing development challenges in extractive economies in partnership with industry and international

aid agencies. Prof. Ali leads the UQ Rare Earths Minerals Consortium — a research effort that brings together international academics, industry practitioners and policy makers to consider ways of applying industrial ecology principles to supply of rare earth minerals worldwide. Prof. Ali is a member of the World Commission on Protected Areas and the IUCN Taskforce on Transboundary Conservation. He is also a professional mediator and has conducted workshops on consensus-building for private and public interests. Prof. Ali is involved in numerous non-profit organizations to promote environmental peace-building. He cur-

rently serves on the board of The DMZ Forum for Peace and Nature Conservation and International Peace Park Expeditions in the United States and on the board of governors for LEAD-Pakistan. He has also been involved in promoting environmental education in madrasahs (Islamic religious schools) and using techniques from environmental planning to study the rise of these institutions in his ethnic homeland, Pakistan. This prompted Prof. Ali to publish a sole-authored book in January 2009 titled *Islam and Education: Conflict and Conformity in Pakistan's Madrasahs* (Oxford University Press)

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NICK CURRY

Rotary Host Area Coordinator, Peace Fellows Program, Queensland



Born in the UK, Nick met Jan, a Queenslander, and married her in 1973. Six years later they migrated to Brisbane. Their only child, Alexis, was born in Brisbane in December that year. In 1987, Nick joined Rotary as the charter secretary of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary. He has held numerous positions within the club including President, Secretary, Treasurer, and director of most committees during the 27 years of the club's existence. In 2009-10 Nick was the

District Governor of District 9630 - a highlight in his Rotary career and one of his most rewarding periods in Rotary. Previously at district level he was involved on committees for Rotary Foundation, Youth Exchange, RYLA and as District Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. In addition, he served as District Treasurer for two terms of three years and as Assistant Governor. Currently, Nick is the Host Area Coordinator for the Peace Fellow Program in Queensland but is also the Rotary District Probuc Chair, the Polio Plus chair and sits on the Australian Rotary Health district committee. He is part of the Rotary Leadership Institute team to mentor potential Rotary leaders in the district. He has been an active supporter of the Peace Fellow program in Brisbane over several years, encouraging his club's involvement, and has also recently been a

Peace Fellow counsellor. Nick was honoured by his club in 1997 with a Paul Harris Fellow and has twice been awarded 'clubman of the year'. In 2005, Nick was awarded an Australia Day Achievement Medallion in recognition for outstanding service to the Tax Office Community. Nick and Jan are members of the Paul Harris Society and are major donors to and Bequest Society members of the Rotary Foundation. Professionally, Nick joined the Australian Taxation Office in 1980. He completed a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Queensland in June 1986. He is a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants and also a JP (Qual). Following his retirement from the ATO, he worked for more than five years as a consultant to several Queensland Government departments.

EMILY RUF

Rotary Peace Centres Specialist



Emily Ruf is the Rotary Peace Centers Specialist for The University of Queensland and works collaboratively with the RPC

Team. She is dedicated to increasing access to international educational opportunities and brings to this position her experience in cross-cultural study, college access, and higher education administration. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages and Literature from Kenyon College, a liberal arts institution in Gambier, Ohio. Her focus on Spanish and Japanese languages led her to spend a year studying and living in Lima, Peru. While in Lima, she volunteered with the APJ (la Asociación Peru-

ano Japonesa), a nonprofit organization that aims to ensure the general welfare of the Japanese Peruvian community.

Emily is currently working to receive a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration and Policy from Northwestern University. She lives in the city of Chicago and enjoys reading, honing her ukulele skills, and knitting sweaters in her free time.

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Rotary Peace Fellows Class XIII would like to thank UQ and Rotary Peace Centre staff and faculty for their help and support during our tenure at the University of Queensland.

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