

Rotary Peace Fellows' Seminar 2012

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Program



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WELCOME FROM THE CENTRE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the University of Queensland's ninth 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 Nine Rotary Peace Fellows present their research to a broad audience of Rotarians, academics and the general public. Class Ten Peace Fellows are also with us today and will be acting in various capacities to facilitate today's proceedings.

The Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution at the University of Queensland was established in 1999, after an extensive world-wide search by Rotary International. Rotary wished to initiate a new program that would make a practical contribution to the quest for a more peaceful world. Each year up to 110 Peace Fellows attend one of the Rotary Centres to undertake a Masters Degree or a Professional Development Certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Here at the University of Queensland, our first eight intakes of Peace Fellows have completed their studies and are applying what they learned throughout the world. The Class Nine Fellows who will be presenting today are due to graduate shortly, so this is also an opportunity for the School and University to thank the Fellows for their superb contribution to the intellectual community and to give them our best wishes as they embark on their vocation as peacebuilders.

The Peace Fellows' Seminar is a vital component of the Fellows' activities in the Rotary Centre; it was designed as a way to build and maintain links between the Rotary Centre and Rotarians, and as an opportunity for Rotarians to hear first-hand about the special work that the Peace Fellows have been conducting. It is also the University's way of thanking Rotary for its continued support and funding of the program and indeed for its enlightened decision to work towards world peace, justice and understanding, values shared by the University and reflected in its excellent teaching and research programs in peace and conflict and international relations.

As Director of the Centre, I can say that not only is this a worthy program, but it is one that has enabled us all to benefit from the presence of these wonderful and very able Fellows. I am sure you will enjoy the presentations made by our Fellows today and that you will join me in wishing them well as they approach the completion of their studies in Queensland and head out to take their place in building a more peaceful and just world.

Dr. Marianne Hanson

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

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8.30 – 9am	Arrival and Registration (coffee and tea available)
9 – 9.45am	Welcome and Introduction Speakers: Assoc Prof Marianne Hanson – Director Rotary Centre UQ Janet Lawrence – Rotary Host Area Coordinator Robert Fels – International Peace Centre Committee Member
9.45 – 10.05am	Summer Lewis USA
10.05 – 10.25am	Luladay Aragaw Truneh Ethiopia
10.25 – 10.45am	James Abraham USA
10.45 – 11.15am	Morning Tea served in The Terrace Room (level 6)
11.15 – 11.35am	Abdikheir Ahmed Canada
11.35 – 11.55am	Erla Sigurdardottir Iceland
11.55 – 12.15pm	Maki Mizuno-Shaw Japan
12.15 – 12.30pm	Class X Introductions 1
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch served in The Terrace Room (level 6)
1.30 – 1.50pm	Lucinda Garrido USA
1.50 – 2.10pm	Melanie Moore USA

2.10 – 2.30pm	David Burgener Australia
2.30 – 2.40pm	Short Break
2.40 – 2.50pm	Video 'Life at UQ'
2.50 – 3.10pm	Cody Griggers USA
3.10 – 3.30pm	Pantea Beigi Iran / USA
3.30 – 3.45pm	Class X Introductions 2
3.45 – 4pm	Guests move to The Terrace Room
4 – 4.30pm	Presentation of Certificates Thank you from Class IX Closing
4.30 – 5.30pm	Drinks and Nibbles continue



CLASS IX

JAMES ABRAHAM

Rotary Club of Bergenfield Dumont, District 7490

James is a first-generation American from New York whose family is originally from Kerala, India. At an early age, he was struck by how different lives were between himself and his family in impoverished India and he sought to learn how to shorten this great divide. He attended Rutgers University studying dual undergraduate degrees in economics and computer science. Keeping his vision alive, he started his career at the United Nations headquarters in NYC in various capacities, from administration to peacekeeping. His desire to work with developing nations led him to Dili, Timor-Leste in 2006, where for the next two years, he assisted in recruiting and training staff primarily for the country's parliamentary elections. Realizing that his goals required further education, he returned to the US to pursue his MBA at the University of Massachusetts while also continuing to work in UNHQ-NY as a Training Coordinator.



Having served as a Training Coordinator, James knew that a varied education would teach him to be a well-rounded and informed person throughout his career. Because of this, he applied for the Rotary Peace Fellowship following the advice of his colleagues, and has never regretted leaving his job for a year and a half to learn the intricacies of peace and conflict studies at UQ.

For his applied field experience, James decided to return to Timor-Leste, the country which he now calls a third home, to help out on a different scale. Combining the skills learned through his MBA with his current studies at UQ, he assisted with a local microfinance institution, Moris Rasik. During his time there, he helped streamline business processes for the head and regional offices as well as worked alongside the clients of the organization, helping them achieve better opportunities and livelihoods.



James is extremely thankful for the opportunities set before him by Rotary International. "I feel myself and the other Class IX Peace Fellows were already pursuing great career paths, but Rotary International has helped catapult us to reach our goals more forcefully, more rapidly, and more enriched in life."

ABDIKHEIR AHMED

Rotary Club of Charleswood, Winnipeg, District 5550



Abdi is a Somali Canadian from the cold city of Winnipeg otherwise known as 'Winterpeg'. He spent his formative years in Kenya, where he did his primary and high schools and studied environmental studies at Kenyatta University in Nairobi. He immigrated to Canada in 2003 as a refugee, where he joined the University of Winnipeg to study international development studies, graduating in June 2006 with a four-year BA as a student of high distinction.

Abdi has extensive experience working with refugees and nomadic pastoralist communities in Northern Kenya. Right after graduating with his first Bachelor's degree in Kenya, Abdi, together with a few of his former college mates, formed a non-profit called Environmentalistes Sans Frontieres, which raised awareness of the environmental problems facing these communities. In 2002, Abdi attended the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg, South Africa after helping to develop the East African Civil Society position paper on the rights of nomadic and pastoralist communities.

Prior to coming to UQ, Abdi worked with the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba in Winnipeg as a Program Coordinator helping with the settlement of new immigrant and refugee communities in Winnipeg's inner city. His work focused mainly on settlement issues, gang and street crime prevention and peaceful coexistence between immigrant and aboriginal communities. In Winnipeg, Abdi served on a number of boards and committees advocating for the needs of immigrant and refugee communities. For his advocacy, Abdi was awarded with the Amina Malko Fellowship in 2009 by the Canadian Council for Refugees, a nation-wide advocacy organization, as one of a few potential refugee leaders across Canada. In 2011, Abdi was also honoured as a Great Friend of Children by the Manitoba Children's Museum for his work in providing mentorship and integration support to immigrant and refugee youth in Winnipeg's inner city.

Abdi did his applied field experience in Ethiopia's Somali Regional State with Mercy Corps, a US-based NGO that is engaged in peacebuilding work across the world. He was based in the remote town of Gode, where there is no internet and telephone communication is intermittent, evaluating vocational training programs for youth who are vulnerable to being recruited into both extremist activities in neighbouring Somalia and inter-clan conflict in Ethiopia.

Abdi also has research interests in resource conflicts amongst nomadic pastoralist communities, development of a hybrid conflict resolution process, and is currently working on his thesis on conflicts amongst pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities in Ethiopia's Somalia Regional State.

Abdi is married to his lifetime partner Saadia, also a Somali Canadian, and they have two boys Mohamed and Ibrahim, who are 5 and 3 years old, respectively.



David Burgener

Rotary Club of Kenmore, 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 in Calgary (Years 1–12) 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. David initially attended the International Christian University in Japan but decided to transfer to UQ after his studies were interrupted as a result of the tsunami.

In 2006, he immigrated to Brisbane, Australia and worked for four years at the University of Queensland as both a research assistant with the Institute for Social Science Research and in a Learning Support role with the Faculty of Social & Behavioural Sciences.

David completed his Applied Field Experience in London and Barcelona with an organization called Xsport Coaching. The organization provides sports coaching for youth across a range of sports and has a unique relationship with FC Barcelona (FCB) as the company that holds the rights to host FCB clinics in the U.K. David's AFE consisted of a one-month coaching education experience at FCB in preparation for the opportunity to coach at an Xsport camp in London.



After graduating, David plans to return to the higher education sector to help support his family, and return to coaching after a two-year hiatus. Longer term, David is considering pursuing further postgraduate studies, and intends to create an opportunity for himself as a coach and educator; working to support youth education and community development through sports.

PANTEA BEIGI

Rotary Club of Commerce City, Colorado, District 5450



Pantea, known as Pani to her friends and colleagues, is an Iranian-American Human Rights Advocate from Denver, Colorado and an honorary member of Rotary District 5450's Commerce City Club. Prior to commencing the Master of International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution at the University of Queensland, 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 across the globe.

Pani serves as a laureate liaison to Iranian Nobel Peace Laureate Dr. Shirin Ebadi and helped protect the human rights lawyer and her clients during the December 2008 attacks on human rights workers in Iran. Following the contested June 2009 Iranian presidential elections, Pani conducted routine interviews with international media and provided up to date human rights reports regarding the Islamic Republic's violent crackdowns on peaceful public dissent. Pani holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication and Journalism and has served on projects ranging from disaster relief and management, youth development and peace education, to public policy and advocacy.

In 2011 Pani introduced the PeaceJam youth program in Timor-Leste where she worked closely with Timorese Nobel Peace Laureate and President Jose Ramos Horta, Rotary Club of Dili, QSI International School of Dili and the PeaceJam Foundation to train up to 42 Timorese Rotaract members in the PeaceJam curriculum. Working together with their local communities, the Rotaractors are now engaged in a number of grass-roots peace-building initiatives across the 13 districts of Timor-Leste.

Pani spent her Applied Field Experience in Turkey where she worked with the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, International Medical Corps, and UNHCR/Association for Solidarity with Asylum-Seekers and Migrants to assist Iranian refugees and political dissidents in Turkey. She continues to serve as a consultant to this project and is currently conducting a series of 2012 Iran Human Rights Reports.

Pani is most grateful to The Rotary Foundation and her educators at the School of Political Science and International Studies for what she believes to have been the opportunity of a lifetime to fulfill her higher education goals. Having thoroughly enjoyed her Master's Thesis Research on New Media and Political Representation amongst Iranian dissidents, Pani is considering PhD programs in quest of her many unanswered questions on this intriguing topic.



CODY GRIGGERS

Rotary Club of Dublin, Texas, District 5790

Cody originally hails from rural Texas ranching country – and is living proof that sometimes, the stereotypes really are true. Yes, he can ride a horse, he does own a pair of cowboy boots, and he may have once received a shotgun as a birthday gift.

Nonetheless, Cody also has an undergraduate degree in English literature from Princeton, a career spent in the Far East rather than the Wild West, and soon enough, a master's degree in peace – because sometimes, stereotypes just beg to be broken.



Cody has lived and worked in Thailand for 10 years, where he most recently served as the Director of Advocacy for Quo Global, a Bangkok-based firm working with UN agencies, NGOs and governments to develop campaigns on issues such as HIV/AIDS awareness, decent work standards, rights for stateless and marginalized populations, and disaster preparedness. He has also worked with the Thailand country office of Ashoka, a global organization that identifies and promotes social entrepreneurs with ideas for change, as well as serving as a consultant to the Royal Thai government on maximizing national competitiveness. He began his career as a Princeton-in-Asia fellow teaching English literature at a university in northern Thailand in 2001.



Cody's applied field experience took him to Singapore to work with the Asia regional office of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, a Geneva-based organization that mediates privately between warring parties – most notably in the lead-up to the Aceh peace agreement and currently in the southern Philippines, among other confidential processes ongoing across the globe. While there, he worked principally with 'Women at the Peace Table' project team, which is working to expand the space for women's vital contributions to such negotiations. Cody's work on the project will appear in the forthcoming HD Centre publication, *From Clause to Effect: Practical Guidance on Including Gender in Peace Agreements*.

After graduation, Cody aims to make his way back 'home' to Southeast Asia and find a role that allows him to put to good use these new skills that Rotary has so generously supported him to develop.

LUCINDA GARRIDO

Rotary Club of Grovedale, District 9780



Lucinda grew up in Geelong, Victoria and has been actively involved with Rotary District 9780 for over 14 years. The Rotary Club of Grovedale and District 9780 have been a constant support to Lucinda's educational and professional development. Lucinda was firstly a Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Canada; she has participated in both RYPEN and RYLA, and Lucinda is now a Rotary World Peace Fellow.

Lucinda studied International Relations, Development Studies and History at the Australian National University in Canberra; she completed her Honours in Development Studies and History at the University of New South Wales in Sydney; Lucinda began her Masters studies at the Universidad del Salvador in Argentina, and she will complete her Masters of International Studies (Peace and Conflict Resolution) at the University of Queensland. Lucinda is also fluent in Spanish and speaks basic Bangla and French.

Lucinda has previously worked on a microfinance project in Bangladesh as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development; managed housing reconstruction projects in Southern India for CARE Australia's Tsunami Response Program; spent a short time in AusAID's Research Thematic Group; and prior to her Fellowship, Lucinda worked in relationship management strategy at a member-owner bank.

Lucinda's current research focus is on the impact of the War on Terror on Pakistani religious and ethnic relationships. Her focus is on the relationships between the Pakistani government and Baloch and Pashtun ethnic groups, which is also overlaid by religious tensions between Sunni and Shia Muslims.

After completing her studies, Lucinda intends to work in humanitarian diplomacy and conflict resolution at the international level, with a focus on South Asia and the Middle East. As a trained mediator, Lucinda aims to personally facilitate conflict resolution dialogue and is interested to work with the United Nations and other non-government organizations to achieve peaceful resolutions to conflicts.



Summer Lewis

Rotary Club of Manhattan Kansas, District 5710

Summer hails from Manhattan, Kansas, also known as “The Little Apple.” She graduated summa cum laude from Kansas State University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology, Spanish, and women's studies. As a student, Summer developed a fair trade project with an indigenous Guatemalan women’s textile cooperative. Inspired by this partnership, Summer joined Equal Exchange, the oldest and largest U.S. fair trade company, where she worked to connect communities of faith with small-scale coffee, tea, and chocolate farmers. Summer has been involved in social justice initiatives at Kansas State University through her work with the Women’s Studies Program, the Nonviolence Studies Program, Leadership Studies, and local food projects. She has also lived in Chittagong, Bangladesh and worked for the Asian University for Women, an institution dedicated to cultivating women leaders committed to social and economic advancement of their communities.



Summer has traveled and lived in seventeen countries and speaks Spanish and Italian. She is the author of two articles: “‘Comercio con Justicia’ and Theory in Action at a Guatemalan Women’s Textile Cooperative” in *Democracy Works: Joining Theory and Action to Foster Global Change* (2008) and “‘Women Who Needed to Earn a Living Yesterday’: Challenging the Global Economy Through Home-Based Labor” in *Women at Work* (2010).

Summer completed her Applied Field Experience in Vietnam with Roots of Peace, a humanitarian organization dedicated to eradicating landmines and rehabilitating land and livelihoods. She assisted with the “Sustainable Horticulture and Agriculture Development Pilot Project” (SHADE), which focuses on improving the income of 1,100 farmers in the cacao, coffee, and pepper value chains. Summer accompanied staff on field visits, observed farmer training sessions, and met with government officials and industry groups. She carried out research, created marketing materials, and shared the Roots of Peace story through social media. Overall, Summer’s AFE experience gave her an in-depth understanding of the social, political, and economic factors underlying cacao, coffee, and black pepper production in Vietnam and worldwide.



Summer is interested in how factors involved in food systems – natural resources, labor, health, culture, gender, poverty, and trade – are interconnected and can generate the potential for conflict or the possibility for peace. She is specifically passionate about coffee, the second-most traded commodity after oil. Summer hopes to help small-scale farmers improve their livelihoods, and that of their families, by connecting them with specialty, fair trade, and organic coffee markets. She plans to do this by working with socially responsible coffee businesses and cooperatives that establish mutually beneficial trading relationships and assist small-scale coffee farmers in improving the quality of the coffee they grow.

MAKI MITSUNO-SHAW

Rotary Club of Tsushima, Japan, District 2760

Maki is from Tsushima, a small historical town in Japan. She was brought up in a family where education was the family business. Both of Maki's parents are teachers, so she spent a lot of weekends and holidays at their schools during her childhood. Maki has a strong passion for helping children through education. She is a qualified teacher and taught early childhood, primary and secondary students in both formal and informal settings.



Maki holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in educational development. During her master's studies, she met people from developing countries who were studying to advance the quality of education in their home countries. She became interested in issues around education in developing countries and worked as a volunteer at the Centre for UNESCO Asia-Pacific Programme of Educational Innovation for Development (APEID), which was attached to her graduate school in Hiroshima.

After graduating with her 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).



With updated knowledge and a new skill set acquired during her study at the University of Queensland, Maki wishes to contribute to building peaceful societies through education. 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. Maki hopes to work in the future to ensure refugees have access to quality education while they are in refugee camps or in the country of asylum.

ERLA SIGURDARDOTTIR

Rotary Club of Hafnarfjarðar, Iceland, District 9803



Erla graduated from the University of Iceland in 2002 with a BA in social anthropology. She has also worked and studied in Germany, Switzerland and Greenland. After completing her first degree, she spent six years directing qualitative research projects at Gallup in Iceland. She later worked for the Icelandic International Development Agency (ICEIDA) in Nicaragua, and also worked as an elementary school teacher after earning her master's degree in education.

Immediately before coming to Brisbane, during her maternity leave with her son, she unleashed her inner art goddess and took up knitting and crocheting. What started as a hobby ended with Erla publishing two best-selling knitting books. Along the way, she also volunteered for Amnesty International in Iceland.

Erla travelled to Fiji for her applied field experience term, working with UNICEF's Pacific office in Suva, accompanied by her family. She worked on monitoring and evaluating projects both in Fiji and in the Solomon Islands, where she also travelled to conduct field interviews and to follow up on UNICEF projects. Erla also led several workshops for UNICEF staff in both Fiji and the Solomons, as well as for governmental counterparts on qualitative research techniques for evaluation and monitoring. It is fair to say that everyone had a great time in Fiji, where the smiles are bigger and flowers are brighter. Vera, her daughter, age 7, attended school and her husband Viggi enjoyed his role as 'housewife' and super dad, taking care of Vera and their son Krummi, age 2 while Erla was working and travelling – just as he has done here in Brisbane.

After graduation, Erla and her family are returning to Iceland, where Erla has high hopes of contributing to peace from home. She has a dream to design educational materials for primary schools and high schools on diversity and its importance to peace, as well as children's novels with morals relating to peace. And, not surprisingly, she is already working on designs to publish her next knitting book, which will also hopefully be a best-seller. For now, she and her family are enjoying this opportunity Rotary has given them to live and learn in beautiful Brisbane.



LULADAY ARAGAW TRUNEH

Rotary Club of Addis Ababa Central-Mella, Ethiopia, District 9200

Luladay was born and raised in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Cultivating an interest in advancing peace, she has ventured towards realizing her aspirations by supporting small initiatives with significant impact. She joined the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Volunteers Programme in Addis Ababa at an early stage of her career and has for several years contributed to the 'Volunteering for Peace and Development' vision of the Programme. Since 2005 she has also been supporting the Ethiopia Committee of the Global United World Colleges initiative with a mission of making education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. She is also a committee member of the Yedidya Association – an NGO supporting the education and well-being of HIV/AIDS orphans in Ethiopia. Luladay also served as the Ethiopia Bureau Chief for TheEthiopianAmerican.com, an online magazine based in Washington DC, USA. Likewise, she held a position of Sub-Editor for the Sub-Saharan Informer Newspaper, a subregional English newspaper based in Addis Ababa.



In 2008, Luladay, along with three other compatriots from East Africa, received an award for a Rotary International Group Study Exchange from Rotary District 9200 to the northern California District 5160, an initiative to foster peace and international understanding.



As part of her Rotary Peace Fellowship, Luladay was able to take the opportunity of working as a Research Associate with The Protection Project – a human rights and human trafficking research institute at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, DC for her Applied Field Experience term.

Luladay holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and international relations from the University of Addis Ababa. She aspires to continue on the path to peace as a Rotary Peace Fellow, working with national and international organizations in the global fight against human trafficking.



CLASS X

PAUL CONROY

Rotary Club of Monticello, Minnesota, District 5950



After graduating with a BA in English from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota 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 Tanzanian youth. To raise funds for this project, he embarked on a 1,400-kilometer bicycle trek through Tanzania, which raised over \$20,000. Over 25 students have been supported as Phoenix Rising scholars.

In 2008, Paul returned to the United States to work as Peace and Justice Coordinator at Saint John's University. He also returned to school to complete an MA in African Studies from Ohio University in 2011.

Paul's professional interests lie in assisting refugees to rebuild lives of health, security and self-sufficiency. He plans to achieve his professional goals by applying his training in Peace and Conflict Resolution in a career with an international refugee agency.

ANA MARIA RODRIGUEZ CONTRERAS

Rotary Club of Bogotá Chapinero, District 4290

Ana Maria is a political scientist with bachelor's degree in international affairs. She has over six years of experience in international cooperation, geopolitics and security, human rights, conflict resolution and development.

Ana Maria's experience in the field in developing countries, including Colombia, Bolivia and Kenya, along with her passion for travelling and her ability to extend out of her comfort zone, have given Ana Maria the opportunity to travel to the most desolate areas, in order to supervise social projects and to work side by side with the community, giving them the proper training and tools to become self sustainable.



CASEY CROCKET

Traverse City, Michigan, Rotary District 6290



Casey Crocket is from Traverse City, Michigan. She attended the University of Michigan, where she designed her own major in International Relations and studied in Santiago, Chile and Perth, Australia. For the past six years Casey has been working as a teacher of English for non-English speaking youths in Japan, Spain and the U.S.

Casey defines success in her field by raising her students' language ability while simultaneously broadening their understanding of the challenges and opportunities that youth in other parts of the world face in learning and in life.

Her interests include utilizing cultural education as part of conflict resolution, and she is working to broaden her focus into resource management and the role it plays in conflicts.

CHANTELLE DOERKSON

Rotary Club of Las Vegas, District 5300

Chantelle is most recently from Las Vegas, Nevada in the US. Prior to becoming a Rotary Peace Fellow, she worked as the Youth Advocacy Coordinator at the American Lung Association in Nevada. There, she led teens to design grassroots projects related to tobacco control, under the funding of a federal grant called "Communities Putting Prevention to Work." From 2007–2009, she worked with the US Peace Corps in Paraguay as a rural health volunteer. After her contract ended, Chantelle extended for seven months, gaining experience with local non-profits in areas related to youth, HIV/AIDS and nutrition.

Chantelle was born in Canada and relocated to the USA at a young age. She has her Bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of California Davis and also spent time studying at the University of British Columbia, Canada.



Chantelle hopes to gain experience in areas of mediation, community development, and immigration.

ERICA ROSE JEFFREY

Rotary Club of Menlo Park California, District 5150



Originally from Missoula, Montana, Erica Rose Jeffrey studied dance at the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School before joining Ballet Internationale. After dancing professionally, she attended Indiana University on full scholarship as a Wells Scholar and graduated with degrees in ballet and mediation & conflict resolution. Erica Rose has performed and choreographed for groups around the US and internationally, including a tour to China as part of a cultural exchange for the Olympics.

Involved in multiple communities, 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 was instrumental in launching the Parkinson's Dance Project, Marin County's first Dance for Parkinson's program. In addition to performing, she ran the dance company COUNTERPOINTE.

Erica Rose has created the dance and conflict resolution education program, Moving Toward Peace, and has worked with the California Lawyers for the Arts youth education programs.

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NAING KO KO

Rotary Club of Downtown Auckland District 9920

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 7-year sentence, including 6 years of solitary confinement, in Burma's prisons. Despite the appalling treatment and degradations endured during this time, Naing Ko managed to teach himself English with the aid of just a few old copies of Time magazine and a dictionary. He did his English homework with only plastic and sticks during his imprisonment.

Naing Ko 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 of the European Parliament and has been promoting democracy and national reconciliation for Burma on the global stage. In 2007, New Zealand accepted Naing Ko as a UN-sponsored refugee, and in 2010, he was presented with the Human Rights Defender Award by Amnesty International New Zealand.



NISSA RHEE

Rotary Club of Seoul, District 3650

Nissa Rhee is a multimedia journalist who specializes in conflict and cultural issues. Before moving down under, she worked for several years in South Korea and the United States. Nissa's work has appeared in a variety of print and radio outlets, including The Christian Science Monitor, the Korean partner of the International Herald Tribune, and Radio Netherlands Worldwide. In addition to her reporting work, Nissa produces 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.



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 received her BA from the University of Chicago in Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities. A portfolio of her work can be found at www.nissarhee.com.

RICK RÖDER

RC Rosenheim-Innstadt, District 1840



Rick is a lawyer from Munich, Germany. His academic focus is on the legal framework for foreign direct investments in natural resources and how changes in this framework impact on both the host country, the local community and the investor.

Rick firmly believes that strong legal frameworks can decrease the likelihood of conflict around natural resource exploration, an area which he hopes to explore during his studies at UQ.

RABI SHAH

Rotary Club of Kathmandu North East, Nepal, District 3292



Rabi started his career as a volunteer in a rural village of Nepal, where he worked with International Volunteers to develop the leadership skills of local youth, as well as initiating 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 more sustainable peacebuilding.

Rabi has also worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Kathmandu to support the transition of combatants from military cantonments to civilian life by providing them with career counseling, linking them to vocational skills training and micro-enterprise development service providers and program monitoring. His work focused mainly on social inclusion, the rights of women and marginalized groups, peacebuilding and advocacy.

Rabi is particularly interested in community mediation, social inclusion and analyzing the role of national and international actors in the resolution of conflict. Rabi has a Master's degree in rural development from Nepal.

MOHSEN SOLHDOOST

Rotary Club of Pudu in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, district 3300

Mohsen was born in Iran in 1981. After graduating with a B.A. in English translation, he was hired by UNHCR at the peak of the repatriation operation of Afghan refugees in 2004. In 2005, he moved to the western borders of Iran, an area with a large influx of Iraqi refugees.

After a major earthquake devastated the central city of Bam in Iran, Mohsen joined UNICEF's emergency relief operations. He returned to UNHCR to aid in its resettlement program for Afghan refugees in 2006. He continued his work in the United Nations in the area of Finance and Administration for the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS in Iran. In 2008, he was appointed as the Liaison Officer for the joint program between UNHCR and the Afghanistan Embassy in Tehran.



Mohsen received his Master's degree in English literature and has taken part in additional programs on humanitarian subjects in Japan, Austria, the US, and Switzerland.

SOLVEIG SVEINBJORNSDOTTIR

Rotary District 9803

Prior to receiving the Rotary Peace Fellowship, Solveig worked abroad in several countries. In Sudan, she worked with UNICEF in an emergency on child protection as well as in Philippines and in Ethiopia, with focus on children in institutions. With UNHCR in Syria, Solveig's task was on strengthening social services for Iraqis refugees. In Sri Lanka, she worked with SLMM in a peacekeeping mission and later with the international NGO, EMDH supporting survivors of the Indian Ocean tsunami. Solveig also went to Haiti one month after the recent earthquake on a short-term assignment with an IFRC assessment team.

Prior to her work abroad, Solveig worked as director of social services in Iceland and with an international NGO, AFS, on intercultural learning's both in Iceland and later in Brussels with the umbrella organization, EFIL.

With this scholarship, Solveig's aim is to gain additional academic knowledge, hopefully providing more in-depth understanding and capacity that will support her while contributing to her work towards minimizing human suffering.



ALUMNI

CLASS VIII

GIORGIO ALGERI



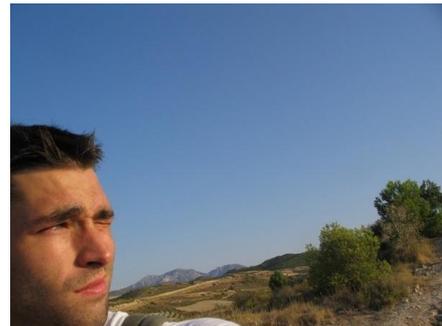
Upon completion of his Master of International Studies at UQ in June 2011, Giorgio worked as photojournalist in the West Bank. He was based in Ramallah, Occupied Palestinian Territories, where he monitored Israeli violations of international and humanitarian law. Examples of the human rights violations he monitored included house demolitions and land confiscation, displacement, settlers' attacks on Palestinian civilians and property, illegal detention, severe restrictions on movement, and Israeli use of force to disperse peaceful protests. His photo

stories and video interviews are available and published on www.palestinemonitor.org, an online news source produced from within Palestine. In Ramallah, he also acted as a liaison between his sponsoring Rotary Club of Palermo Monreale and the recently established Rotary Club of Ramallah. His work as photojournalist has allowed him to return home and spend some time with his family and friends in between assignments.

More recently, Giorgio has been offered a position as Research Fellow with an NGO named Chab Dai whose aim is to tackle human trafficking in Cambodia through coalition building, advocacy and research. He will be moving to southeast Asia in June, and he is looking forward to working on a new project.

JOSEPH DEVOIR

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



Since completing his fellowship, Joseph has returned to the occupied Palestinian territories to work as a consultant with local governments and NGOs in the fields of development and peacebuilding. In the coming fall he will begin work as a history teacher in Friend's School in Ramallah. He is also proud to be an honorary member of a new Rotary Club established recently in Ramallah and looks forward to becoming a full member.

BRYN CAIN



After finishing her thesis on Chinese intellectual property issues, Bryn did a quick tour of Turkey, the Ukraine, Moldova and Romania before accepting a position at the University of Texas at Austin's International Office. There, she is responsible for maintaining and creating new relationships with universities in the UK, Australia, Africa the Middle East and Scandinavia. These relationships enable UT students to study abroad and for foreign students to come to study at UT. UT is one of the largest universities in the US and is consistently ranked within the top five US universities in terms of numbers of students sent abroad each

year. Bryn is also working with the Rotary Club of Austin, Texas to recruit and interview new Peace Fellows.

In her spare time, Bryn continues to swing dance wherever she can, recently traveling to a week-long dance camp in Stockholm and winning a Lindy Hop Jack and Jill competition at the Lone Star Championships in Austin, TX.

YUKA KANEKO

Upon graduation, Yuka took a position at the United Nations University (UNU) Institute for Sustainability and Peace as a conference assistant. There, she helps to coordinate the visits of international delegations to various symposiums and workshops held by UNU, as well as liaising with Japanese government ministries and the UN headquarters on matters of funding and support.



More recently, Yuka has taken on another posting as a Research Fellow in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan's International Peace Cooperation Division. In her role there, she is heading a project where she designs and carries out peacebuilding courses for a partner organization, the Hiroshima Peacebuilding Center. Participants of this course will be deployed to post-conflict regions including South Sudan, Timor Leste, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan through the UN Volunteers programme.

While Yuka continues to work in Japan, removed a bit from the conflict environments she has worked in previously, she is still happy to be able to use her education and skills to promote peace from her home country.

MATTI KARVANEN

Since finishing his Fellowship in July 2011, Matti has been working on his Development Studies Master's thesis, which focused on the European Union's involvement in the DR Congo's security sector reform. In mid-May, Matti is starting his new position as Programme Assistant with the Embassy of Finland in Nairobi, where he is tasked with monitoring the international community's crisis management efforts in Somalia, as well as coordinating the Finnish government's humanitarian assistance for the region.



Prior to his Rotary Fellowship, Matti had worked as a UN peacekeeper in Ethiopia and Eritrea, and performed internships with UNHCR Stockholm and at the Finnish Embassy in South Africa. Matti is particularly interested in African security and development politics.

JAKE KURTZER

Upon graduation from UQ, Jake took on a consultancy with the International Labour Organization (ILO) based in Nairobi, Kenya. During this time, Jake traveled to both Somaliland and Puntland with the ILO, consulting with the local governments, civil society, and business sectors on issues relating to employment generation and labour laws.

Jake has since moved to Washington, DC and taken a position as a Public Affairs Officer with the International Committee of the Red Cross - Regional Delegation for the United States and Canada (ICRC). In this capacity, Jake works with a wide variety of audiences in the USA and Canada, including the US Congress, humanitarian NGOs, think tanks and universities, communicating the ICRC's perspective on humanitarian issues, including civil-military relations, the principles of humanitarian action, ethics, vulnerable populations, and follows ongoing crises such as Yemen, Somalia and Syria.

In this capacity, Jake has lectured at universities in Washington, DC and Boston, represented the ICRC at the International Studies Association conference in San Diego, as well as undertaken one field visit in Israel and Palestine to learn more about the ICRC's humanitarian operations abroad.



HUMAIRA SHAFI



After completing her studies at UQ, Humaira returned to her hometown in Pakistan and is continuing her mission with her NGO, the Al-Ansar Society, as well as working as part of Mufti Law Associates, a reputed law firm. She is always looking for the best ways to apply her knowledge for the betterment of the lot of her people.

Recently, Humaira was provided an opportunity by Rotary International to participate in a South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

While there, she met delegates from all the SAARC countries and had useful interactions with them. Now, she is all set to go to Bangkok for the Rotary Peace Symposium and is happy that she will be meeting many of her UQ friends there.

SANAZ SHAHROKNI

After graduation, Sanaz returned to Iran, where she spent some months visiting her parents and knowing more about international organizations which are active in Iran and particularly in Tehran. She then went back to Switzerland, where she is finishing her French language and civilisation degree in University of Geneva and working part time as a peace instructor in the International school of Geneva. Sanaz has been always interested in peace in different societies, targeting their youngest members as she believes that is the age that can have a great impact on forming the way people look at the world. Sanaz hopes that after finishing her semester, she is going to find a full-time job in an international organization to work more towards founding peace education in different societies from early ages.



CLASS VII

ROSE FOLEY



Rose continues to work as UK media officer for the children's charity Plan International. She works with journalists to produce stories on international issues for the UK media.

During the East Africa food crisis, Rose was based in southern Ethiopia. Most recently, she's been focusing on Plan's campaign against child marriage – Take the Vow – and was in Bangladesh with a BBC team to produce a documentary on the issue. If you would like more details about Plan and Take the Vow, you can find it at: www.plan-uk.org/vow

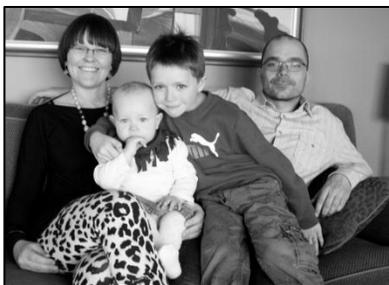
JOSEPH HONGO

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



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

FANNEY KARLSDOTTIR



During the past year, Fanney has worked for the private, public and third sector. She assisted a group of companies in establishing a centre for corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Iceland. She also held a position at the Rector's office at the University of Iceland, where she organised events surrounding the centennial celebrations of the university. These events involved inviting such distinguished guest speakers as Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General, and Noam Chomsky, MIT professor and activist. Last October, Fanney was offered a position as one of three department directors at the Icelandic Red Cross headquarters. She is currently department director of volunteer management and

organisational development. Her work includes coordinating projects in which the 50 branches of the Icelandic Red Cross are involved in locally and internationally. Fanny enjoys being a part of the large international family that the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement represents as the largest humanitarian network in the world. At the same time, Fanny continues to grow her own family by expecting her third child in October this year.

DAVID KOZAR

David is currently working as an International Development Officer for the International Projects Unit of the Office of Commercial Services at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). In his role, David is developing and managing Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) Public Sector Linkages Programs and Australian Leadership Award Fellowships for Latin America, the Pacific, South Asia and Africa. David is currently managing AusAID-funded development programs in: Bhutan (Inclusive Education); Paraguay (Sustainable Development); Sri Lanka (Disaster Management); Maldives (Inclusive Education); Indonesia (Mining Sector Safety); Samoa (Social Entrepreneurship) and two projects on Leadership and Advocacy for women and people with disability across Francophone West Africa (Togo, Mali, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Senegal and Niger).



Since completing his degree at UQ in 2010, David has begun study toward the Master of Community and International Development at Deakin University in Melbourne, scheduled for completion in 2012. David also continues his work at Training Workshops International (TWI) for the Children as the Kosovo Country Coordinator. In 2011, he was also named to the TWI for the Children's Board of Directors. He will continue to lead a team of volunteers to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia and Montenegro to deliver children's educational and adult leadership programs designed to help build peace and understanding in the Balkans.

David was recently presented with the lifetime achievement 'President's Call to Service Award' from the President of the United States Council on Service and Civic Participation

DAVID LAMOTTE



David is continuing to tour, playing music and speaking, and is working on two books. The first of those, *White Flour*, is an illustrated book about a whimsical, effective and non-violent response to a KKK rally by a group calling itself the Coup Clutz Clowns. That book will be released on May 26, 2012, and has already sold nearly a thousand copies in pre-orders. He is also continuing to serve as the Director of a small non-profit, PEG Partners, which works with schools and libraries in Guatemala. David is also now the Clerk (Chair) of the AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) Nobel Peace Prize Nomination Committee, and is enjoying that work and the interesting conversations that grow out of it.

David and his family are living in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where his wife Deanna is studying Public Health at the University of North Carolina. Their son Mason is now 3 1/2.

JENIECE OLSEN

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



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

PAMELA ANN S. PADILLA



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

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

ZUZANA PETOVSKA

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



in cooperation with Australian National Committee on Refugee Women and number of expert meetings on Reduction of Statelessness, Climate Change and Displacement.

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

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

CLASS VI

LYDIA BULMER

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

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

VERONICA HYNES



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

KATHY CLARK

After working as Resettlement Director with the International Rescue Committee and travelling through Europe and the Middle East, Kathy now lives in Florida and works for Daytona State College, coordinating the EL Civics program at various sites throughout the county. She has stayed engaged with Rotary clubs and members in various countries throughout the world and remains grateful and committed to the organization, its principles and its members.



JANELLE WEISSMAN



Janelle joined the senior leadership team of Family Planning Queensland (FPQ) in 2010. Through its regional centres, FPQ provides sexual and reproductive health care to those who need it most. FPQ is also a centre of excellence providing training to doctors and nurses and supporting teachers, disability workers, and community sector professionals to effectively deliver sexuality and relationships education. As Director of Communications and Development, she facilitates the development of educational resources on a range of topics from FGM prevention to child protection; manages media relations; and promotes key activities to support FPQ's vision of sexual and reproductive health for all. Janelle also serves as President of the Management Committee of Children by Choice, and sings in the Brisbane Chorale.

VIRORTH DOUNG



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

RYAN MOORE

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



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

MARCOS ZUNINO

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



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

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

KEVIN MELTON

Kevin continues his governance and development work in Afghanistan. Throughout 2010, he worked in the Southern province of Kandahar with military and civilian counterparts as part of District Stabilization Team (DST) to help shape and develop reconstruction and development strategies and activities at the grassroots level.



Since January 2011, Kevin has been working in Kabul as a governance and development. He provides policy guidance and strategic and operational analysis and helps coordinate civil military planning efforts with bilateral and multilateral organizations, donors and embassies. His main focus is on linking high threat stability activities with longer term governance and development effects. He also participates with ISAF transition strategic planning in governance and economic development efforts in coordination with Afghan ministries.

CLASS V

ANDREA FANTA



Andrea has recently accepted a new position with the Southern Regional Headquarters of Allstate Insurance Corporation, where she works in Corporate Relations. Part of her duties includes coordinating disaster relief volunteer efforts for employees who wish to help neighbors affected by storms in the Tennessee region.

VILLE-VEIKKO PITKÄNEN

Ville-Veikko is currently working for the Crisis Management Centre Finland (CMC Finland), which is a governmental organisation under the Finnish government. The organisation’s main aim is to train and recruit experts for international civilian crisis management and peacebuilding missions as well as conduct research focusing on these areas. His current role there is to plan and conduct trainings for civilian crisis management experts and “peacebuilders”. In this work he is able to apply the



studies done through the Rotary. Family wise it goes smoothly as well – Luukas, his son, with whom also lived in Brisbane, has now two little brothers. The photo attached is from a recent work-trip to Cairo, where he helped train diplomats, lawyers and NGO workers on Gender aspect in peace support operations.

SOFIA KNÖCHEL LEDBERG

Sofia is pursuing doctoral studies in political science at Uppsala University in Sweden. Her research project focuses on the professionalization of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army and the consequence of this process has for the role of the military in Chinese society. Sofia is currently in China doing fieldwork for her thesis.

KRISTIN PROST



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

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

PERTH ROSEN

Perth has been back and forth to Ecuador developing a financial literacy curriculum for youth with PLAN international, and Amhara, Ethiopia, collaborating with the Grameen Foundation in support of a savings culture. The Ethiopia project, which includes developing education for agrarian Micro-Finance clients, has taught her volumes about how in-kind savings support local food security, its good stuff!



Next up for her is health education with partners in Peru. Meanwhile, she has moved to Davis in northern California where Freedom from Hunger (FFH) is located. Davis is also home to the University of California (Davis Campus).

CÁSSIO FURTADO



Cássio is Superintendent of Education in Pelotas, Brazil, his hometown. He oversees 90 local schools, some 4,000 teachers and staff and over 20,000 students. Cássio was chosen by the Mayor in early 2011. Before that, he worked as a teacher of Geopolitics, Philosophy, Sociology and World History at area high schools, prep schools and universities, teaching hundreds of lectures per year and having contact with over 2,000 students each week.

In 2010, he published a textbook on Geopolitics, which is sold to students in Brazil. He also continues to record weekly commentaries to a handful of radios, and won the 2010 Top Young Personality Prize in Pelotas.

CHRISTOPHER MOORE

Christopher lives and works in Los Angeles, CA; Reno, NV; and Peru. He is an International Resource Manager for Apropos International (www.AproposInter.com), which carries out development projects in Peru.

Chris, since October 2010, also produces short travel oriented video for DistantLands.com. These videos are available at www.youtube.com/sleepingnomad



CLASS IV

LOA MAGNUSDOTTIR



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

MAYUMI BURGNER

After finishing the program at UQ in 2007, Mayumi worked as a lecturer of Journalism and Communication at UQ for two years. In 2009, she had a baby girl. At around the same time, her husband David Burgener was selected as a RWPF (class 9) and assigned to study at ICU in Tokyo, Japan. So they all moved to Tokyo in August 2010 and David commenced his fellowship at ICU in September. However, in the aftermath of the earthquake and subsequent accident at the Fukushima nuclear power facilities, they decided to move back to Brisbane (as they felt that it was not safe for a small baby to stay there). David is now completing his fellowship



at UQ. It has been very unsettling and challenging to move internationally so often, but they are happy to have been able to come back to Australia, and they are determined to persevere until David finishes his study.

MNEESHA GELLMAN



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

MJ VUINOVICH

MJ is expected to graduate from the Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona, USA, this coming May. Thereafter, she will join the Support Project for the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. MJ's work as a research assistant with the Support Project will consist of investigating human rights violations and promoting good practices related to indigenous peoples' rights.



MJ continues to stay in touch with various clubs in the Tucson area and enjoys being involved with their local projects. Most importantly, MJ has been playing copious amounts of ultimately frisbee and riding her bike from here to there and back every now and again.

VADIM OSTROVSKY



Upon completion of his degree at UQ, Vadim went on to earn his MBA at Duke University in the USA. Following that, he began a career with an American corporation, MeadWestvaco, in corporate finance. Today, Vadim is still working for MeadWestvaco as a Leadership Associate. Currently, he is on a six-month long project that has him working and living in Vienna, Austria..

JOHN FOSTER

John was selected for a Presidential Management Fellowship at the United States Department of State. He is currently working on strategic peacekeeping and peacebuilding issues in the Office of Peace Operations, Sanctions and Counter-Terrorism within the Bureau of International Organization Affairs. Beginning in June, John will participate in a rotational assignment to the United States Department of Defense in the Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs within the Office of the Secretary of Defense.



ETSUKO TERANISHI

Etsuko has been working with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Nepal since 2010. She is currently engaged in various programs on counter trafficking, migration management and disaster risk reduction. Under the counter trafficking program, she is supporting IOM's efforts to provide income-generation activities for survivors of human trafficking in Nepal in order to reduce the risk of trafficking among vulnerable women.



SALLIE LACEY



Sallie continues to work for the German International Development Cooperation. She works in the Climate Protection Program for developing countries. This program provides technical and policy advice to developing countries on issues related to climate change. Her focal areas are on climate change as it relates to the topics of Migration, Gender, and helping countries pursue low-carbon development pathways. She is a member of the German delegation to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and attends the annual international climate change negotiations on behalf of the German government.

However, more importantly, she and her husband Tim have a two-year old daughter named Ellison, who makes them laugh everyday!

AKIKO OKUDAIRA

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



CAITLIN FITZPATRICK



Caitlin is now the Executive Director of Intercambio de Comunidades Denver, whose mission is to bring people together through volunteering and connecting with all in the community. They offer low/no-cost English classes and integration seminars to immigrants and refugees.

Caitlin is thrilled to be using the skills used as a Peace Fellow exploring and showcasing how many vibrant, diverse communities make Denver wonderful!

LEAH J. AYLWARD

Leah is currently working on her research project entitled "Development and Violence: Rethinking the Analytical Framework". In September 2009 she received a Faculty Tutoring Award for Excellence in Teaching/Tutoring.



LEAH KLASS



Leah is currently a stay-at-home mum, introducing her new daughter Lilianna Marie Amiadi Klass to a world full of wonders and diversity. With her daughter they explore the environs of their new home in southern Georgia, USA, while her husband keeps the pathology department running at the local hospital. With her daughter, Leah volunteers weekly at Girls, Inc. which is a local after school program for poor girls in the neighbourhood they live in. With this organization, Leah is working to develop a conflict resolution program for the third and fourth grade girls.

Leah is still happy to serve as a conduit for relationship building in the US, Spain and Latin America and urges all former Peace Fellows to join the Google Group RotaryPeace.

AMANDA RADER

Amanda continues her work with Carpe Diem International Education, an experiential education organization that facilitates youth awakening through 3-month cross-cultural journeys in various regions of the world. Over the past four years, Amanda has led six different groups of students to Central & South America, India, Southeast Asia, and the South Pacific. She enjoys mentoring individuals and groups through growth experiences born from being out of comfort zones and exposed to new paradigms of living.



This year, Amanda has delved into the role of Program Director for a new Carpe Diem semester of her own design, called Indigenous America. Recognizing the diversity within her own country of the US, Amanda is hoping to co-lead a group of youth through various First Peoples Nations of the Southwest US this fall, exploring the meaning of ritual and ceremony and stepping towards greater harmony between native and non-native worldviews.

CLASS III

LARISSA BRUUN & DAO (SUKTHAWEE) SUWANNACHAIROP



Larissa and Dao's family have been living in Kathmandu, Nepal, for the last year with Larissa's job as Country Coordinator for a project supporting political youth to work together across party lines. Dao, meanwhile, had been working in Kathmandu as a consultant for UNDP.

The family recently (in March 2012) departed Nepal for Thailand when Dao took up a new position with Greenpeace supporting the Energy Revolution campaign. Larissa is currently enjoying time at home with Kettil, who is now age 2.5 years.

ALESSANDRO DE CARVALHO SOUZA

Alessandro is a business and international lawyer for the state of Santa Catarina in Brazil, while also providing consultancy for companies and government agencies in the field of International Relations. He also works at Wizard School, in São José - Santa Catarina - as a part-time English Teacher. This is a most successful chain of English Schools of Brazil, with more than 850,000 students enrolled.



MAIKO SHIMIZU



After completing Master's degree at UQ, Maiko joined the Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste and worked in the areas of multilateral political affairs, development assistance, natural resources management and public relations for three years. She is now a Governance Programme Analyst with UNDP Zambia, designing the multi-year governance programme and managing the governance projects such as parliamentary support and decentralisation.

CLASS II

NOËLLE DEPAPE

Noëlle is the (acting) Executive Director at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba. She is also a part-time lecturer at the University of Winnipeg's Global College, where she teaches a course called 'The Needs of Refugees & War-Affected Populations'. Noelle is a Board Member of the Manitoba Immigrant & Refugee Settlement Sector Association and an active member of the Canadian Council for Refugees. Most importantly, she is a mom to Rupert-Azim DePape who turns 2 in July!



Noëlle has worked in the areas of community mobilization, capacity building and youth programming with the Canadian Red Cross (Bosnia/Croatia/Canada), UNICEF, the Brisbane City Council (Australia) and in a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). She also has extensive experience as a trainer, mediator and facilitator. She has worked as a dialogue facilitator with divided youth from South Asia and the Middle East at Seeds of Peace International Conflict Resolution Program in Maine (USA) and conducted a qualitative evaluation of their regional program in India and Pakistan. She is also the founder of the Youth Peacebuilding Project in Manitoba (Canada), which brings together aboriginal, newcomer and mainstream Canadian youth to overcome prejudice and build connections. Furthermore, she worked as a trainer with a participatory NGO in Sri Lanka, conducting conflict management and leadership training to local staff and Tamil tea plantation workers.

SANJANA HATTOTUWA



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

of its Fellows and writes extensively on, *inter alia*, online dispute resolution (ODR) where he is recognised as a thought-leader in how mobile technologies can strengthen conflict transformation during and after complex political emergencies (CPEs).

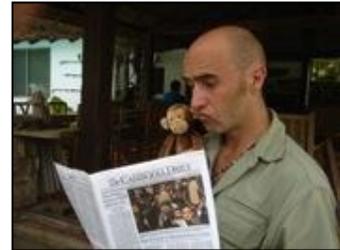
An article that succinctly captures his work in Sri Lanka can be accessed here:

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

COLIN SPURWAY

Colin is currently working for BBC Media Action, the BBC's international development charity. He is based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia where he is the Project Director of 'Loy9', a multimedia youth civic education project.

To learn more about Loy9, see <http://bit.ly/HTrW0u>, or simply learn how to speak Khmer and watch the shows on YouTube. Easy.



BRIAN ADAMS



Brian Adams is director of the Multi-Faith Centre at Griffith University, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this May. The work of the Centre is to foster respect and understanding throughout the Asia-Pacific region between people of different faith and secular traditions. This is done through projects of dialogue, education and collaborative action. Current projects of the Centre include: Sri Lankan Diaspora Dialogues; Linking Tsunami Relief Work of Japanese Churches to Government Efforts; and the Many Faiths, One Peace Interfaith Movie Competition. Brian is also married and has three children: 6, 4 and 2 years old. Child #4 is due in June.

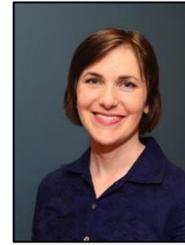
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FRANCESCA DEL MESE

Francesca is a barrister from the UK. She is a member of one of the UK's foremost barrister's chambers dealing with human rights work. Since graduating with a distinction from the course in 2004, she has worked in the following roles: as counsel for the United Nations in the Special Court in Sierra Leone, the Home Office in the UK dealing with travelling sex offenders, she travelled to Uganda with a member of the House of Lords to assess the human rights situation in the conflict related area, and spent two years working as a lawyer in the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. In 2008 - 9 she worked in South Sudan as UNICEF's sole specialist adviser for juvenile justice. She gave training workshops to judges, lawyers, prison and police officials and tribal and community leaders on child rights issues, and travelled around the country visiting detention and death row facilities, in order to write an extensive report for UNICEF. As well as her other work, she has spent the last couple of years undertaking charity management and advisory work, including managing the implementation of a child protection policy across a large geographical area of the UK for the Church of England and has recently returned from The Hague, where in April she designed and delivered a course for Jordanian judges on international criminal law.

CAROLYN FANELLI

Since graduating from UQ, Carolyn has worked for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Zimbabwe, Pakistan and Sudan. She currently serves as the CRS Country Representative in Sudan, where she is based in Khartoum and oversees a staff of 350 and a program budget of US\$20 million. The main focus of CRS' work in Sudan is to serve internally displaced people and returnees in Darfur. Peace building is a key component of this work. Carolyn is married and a new mom – son Wyatt Norton Adams was born on April 4, 2012.



PATH HEANG



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

planning, policy-making and budgeting - as part of their efforts to meet the Millennium Development Goals.

AMY KAY

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



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MARIANNE HANSON

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



Associate Professor Marianne Hanson is delighted to resume her role as Director of UQ's Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Her teaching and research focuses on global security, international law and international institutions, with a specialisation in arms control and disarmament. Her publications examine the impact that various diplomatic gatherings and independent commissions have had on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, resulting in a significant contribution to the international academic and policy-oriented literature on this debate. Much

of Dr Hanson's work in this area has been the result of interactions with Australian and international political practitioners, diplomatic groupings and UN officials, and has been widely circulated among these groupings. She has presented submissions to parliamentary bodies and also to the United Nations in New York. She is recognised as a national commentator on security issues and is frequently invited to provide media commentary on these topics. Her research impact is further enhanced by her appointment by the Foreign Minister to Australia's National Consultative Committee on International Security Issues and her invited membership of AUS-CSCAP (Australian Member Branch, the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific). Marianne gained her doctorate from Oxford University, and was a Stipendiary Lecturer at Magdalen College, Oxford University, prior to taking up her present position at UQ.

MARIAN OPHOF

Administrative Officer, 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 four 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.



JANET LAWRENCE

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



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

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

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

Janet is a science graduate from the Australian National University. For 19 years she worked for an Australian Government organisation dedicated to agricultural research for development in Asia, the Pacific and Africa, travelling extensively in Asia and the Pacific. Back at headquarters she participated in an annual program for postgraduates from many developing countries to develop their skills in thesis writing and oral presentation.

Today in her home-based business she writes and edits both scientific and general material. She is on the magazine editorial panel at St John's Anglican Cathedral in Brisbane. She is also on the Queensland Committee of the Crawford Fund, which publicises the impacts and benefits of helping the developing world through international agricultural research.

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

JILL GUNTER

Rotary Centres Specialist

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





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