

'Pathways to Peace: From Theory to Practice'



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS
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Remarks from the Director



Associate Professor Sebastian Kaempf

Director, Rotary Peace Centre
The University of Queensland

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which The University of Queensland and the Rotary Peace Centre operate. On behalf of Centre staff and Fellows, I pay my respects to the ancestors and descendants of the Traditional Owners. I recognise the valuable contributions that First Nations people have made to Australian and global society.

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our Annual Rotary Peace Seminar. Our seminar constitutes the highlight of our academic year as it brings together our Peace Fellows with the local Rotary community and other guests. It is a celebration of both our Peace Fellows as well as our treasured and long-standing partnership with Rotary International.

During our Annual Seminar you will hear about the Applied Fieldwork Experiences (AFEs) from our Class 22 Fellows. They have recently returned from their AFEs, which took them to a wide range of locations, including Melbourne, Canberra, Stafford, Sydney, Malaysia, Greece, Turkey, and Switzerland. Here, they gained valuable professional experiences with a variety of organisations and they will be sharing their insights with you today. Overall, this showcases how our Program has helped them contribute to advancing peace. At the same time, you will be meeting our newly arrived Class 23 Rotary Peace Fellows who will assist their colleagues to make sure the Seminar today goes as smoothly as possible.

Our Program this year has been collectively organized by our Class 22 Fellows and I would like to thank each of them for bringing this programme together. I am mentioning this, as a day like this requires a lot of additional efforts and work for our Fellows on top of their busy academic schedules. Thank you, Class 22! A big thank you also must go out to our tireless Graduate Centre & Rotary Peace Centre Manager, Mrs Diana McCluskey, who has overseen the Annual



Seminar for many years and whose unparalleled experiences and organisational skills have been essential for getting us to where we are today. Dr Melissa Johnston, our Deputy Rotary Peace Centre Director, has done a wonderful job coordinating the AFE and helping the Fellows get ready for today. A big thanks to her too.

As you can see, the program features both formal presentations by Peace Fellows as well as plenty of opportunities for more informal interactions. If you are unable to attend in person, we are streaming the event online so that we can share our message for peace as widely as possible.

The theme of this year's Seminar is "Pathways to Peace: From Theory to Practice".

Our fellows directly engage these important issues by drawing on their own experiences with various peacebuilding processes around the world.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the Rotary Foundation and its broader community. This is a unique partnership which has stretched over two decades by now and has made a real impact by educating the next generation of peace builders. Given the state our world is currently in, I cannot think of a better way to invest our energies and time. All of this would not be possible without the tremendous support from Rotary International and local Rotarians here in Brisbane. Many of you have been contributing to this and I am thankful to each and every one of you. There are far too many people to acknowledge in person. But please allow me to flag at least a couple of contributions. I would

like to mention and thank Christina Lanzona, our Program Officer from the Rotary Foundation. It has been such a pleasure to work with you and to meet many other Rotary colleagues at our Annual Management Meeting in Evanston last September. Leslie Smith, our tireless Host Area Coordinator, Michelle Davis and David Field all symbolise the wonderful support we and our Fellows receive from our local Rotary community as members of the Rotary Advisory Board, and from Rotarians around the world. Thanks so much to all of you not only for the support you provide to our Rotary Peace Centre but also for the important role you play in promoting peace around the world. And finally, I would like to thank those amongst you who have hosted our fellows at the point of their arrival and who have continued supporting, helping, and mentoring them throughout their Fellowship with us.

Let us now celebrate – and learn from – the amazing experiences of our Fellows and the path towards peace that they are carving out.

Sebastian Kaempf

Associate Professor in Peace and Conflict Studies

Director, Rotary Peace Centre

The University of Queensland.



Leslie Smith

Host Area Coordinator,
Rotary Peace Fellow Program,
The University of Queensland



Welcome to the Rotary Peace Fellows' Seminar presented by Class 22. The Fellows' theme for this year's seminar is "Pathways to Peace: From Theory to Practice".

The mission for world peace has become important and indispensable with the increasing conflict across the world. Living in Australia, where our security and safety is more or less assured, we take so much for granted. The Rotary Peace Centre's mission has not changed. It consists of sending responsible and highly motivated graduates into the world equipped to be global citizens who have a spirit of reconciliation and a desire for peace.

"From Theory to Practice". Peace is one of those loaded concepts, like freedom, equality or tolerance. The peace fellows learn about different attempts by academics, philosophers or activists to define peace – often contrasted with conflict, violence and war – and how to build a more peaceful world. Peace education increases the awareness of our own biases and perceptions, it needs to be truly multi-disciplinary – looking beyond our initial first impressions. It needs to be critical. Critical theory teaches us to question every assumption and every proposed solution. Peace Fellows working together and learning from each other will ensure that they will be the inspiration to the millions of conflict/war weary and peace seeking inhabitants of the world.

I am constantly in awe of the power of connection. This is what Rotary is all about. We unite in friendship to realise truthful, fair, good-willed and beneficial outcomes in our communities and the

world. For Rotary members and Peace Fellows our lives are forever transformed by this powerful network. The investment in the Peace Fellow program is both huge and extremely long term.

On behalf of Rotary and the Fellows, I want to express our appreciation for the tremendous support of The University of Queensland Peace Centre staff. Associate Professor Sebastian Kaempf "Seb", the current Director of the Rotary Peace Centre. He has taught many generations of Peace Fellows and won several awards, including the national Australian award for teaching excellence.

I also want to acknowledge the ongoing work and guidance provided by Graduate Centre Manager Diana McCluskey. She has been involved with the Rotary Peace Centre since 2016 and plays a central role including the Annual Peace Fellows Seminar, the International Day of Peace, career mentoring and partnership development. Diana is recognised as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow in response to her work with the UQ Peace Centre.

I would like to thank the district representatives Michelle Davis and David Field on the Rotary Advisory Board for their contribution to the program and our Peace Fellow representatives Pariya Danaei and Tamim Ebrahimi (Class 2022).

It is an honour and a privilege to be the Host Area Coordinator for such an amazing program with exceptional Peace Fellows.

We would like to recognize the following
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Janet Lawrence Peace Fellow Recognition



This seminar is dedicated to the memory of Janet Lawrence, an indomitable volunteer and advocate for the Rotary Peace Fellowship program and The University of Queensland Rotary Peace Centre.

Janet suddenly left us on Christmas Eve morning in 2019, and the world lost a champion for peace. Janet had supported the Rotary Peace Fellowship program since 1999 when expressions of interest for Rotary Peace Centres were first sought. She undertook this advocacy alongside and through her roles as Club President (twice - Woden and Paddington) and as Assistant Governor for D9710. Janet saw a future world where peace was indeed possible, with Peace Fellows contributing to peace as representatives for two million Rotarians around the world.

Fast forward to 2004 and Janet, now a resident of Brisbane, became a strong supporter of the Rotary Peace Fellows studying at The University of Queensland. Her affinity with these wonderful and courageous trailblazers grew. She was counsellor for four Peace Fellows as well as numerous 'lost' Fellows, a host 'welcomer', and a 'landlady' to numerous Fellows over the years. These experiences led her to a three-year role as Host Area Coordinator for the UQ Rotary Peace Centre. She had the responsibility of Rotarian counsellor selection and training as well as ensuring satisfactory connections between Rotarians and Peace Fellows.

Janet's commitment and significant contribution to the program led to her being asked to serve on the Peace Centres Committee in 2017. Her 3-year term would have concluded in mid-2020. This role involves helping to guide the principles and policies of the Rotary Peace Fellowship program and the appraisal of Peace

Fellow candidates for the various centres around the world.

It was Janet's dream to use her gifts to assist with the selection and field deployment of Peace Fellows to help create peace in conflict situations beyond her immediate reach. She saw each Peace Fellow as an extension of herself – each Fellow serving to create a more loving and embracing world.

In consultation with the UQ Rotary Peace Centre Advisory Board, it was agreed to honour Janet's legacy through the 'Janet Lawrence Peace Fellow Recognition'. The recognition reflects and celebrates Janet's values and spirit - Service above Self, Volunteering and Proactive Leadership – among the outgoing cohort of UQ Peace Fellows.

Since Janet was a strong fiscal supporter of the Rotary Foundation, we (her family of John Lawrence and our four sons) believe that it would be her wish to utilise her Rotary Foundation credits to complement the Peace Fellow Recognition with a Paul Harris Fellow.

As we recognise a Peace Fellow, Janet would be quick to point out that all Peace Fellows are already Peace Champions. She would call us to celebrate all Peace Fellows and peace advocates around the globe.

Class 22
Representatives
Pariya Danaei and
Mohammad Tamim Ebrahimi



As we transition from academic study to real-world application, we extend our deepest gratitude to the Rotary Foundation for enabling our transformative journey through the Master's in Peace and Conflict Studies at The University of Queensland in Meanjin. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera and Turrbal peoples, and their Elders, past, present, and emerging, whose sacred ground has nurtured our learning and growth.

Class XXII brings together peace practitioners from Afghanistan, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Iran, Jordan, the United States of America, and Zimbabwe. Our cohort embodies diverse perspectives and experiences—comprising activists, policymakers, educators, and researchers—united in our commitment to translating academic insights into meaningful action across the globe.

Our academic journey has transcended traditional learning boundaries. Through rigorous study, immersive field experiences, and dynamic discourse, we have developed a sophisticated understanding of peace and conflict that bridges theory and practice. This fusion of scholarly knowledge with practical application has equipped us with innovative approaches to address complex global challenges.

The invaluable support of the Rotary community has been instrumental in our development. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our academic mentors—Roland Bleiker, Sebastian Kaempf, Diana McCluskey, Melissa Johnston, Leslie Smith, Michelle Davis, and Kim Brown—and our dedicated Rotary counsellors and clubs, whose guidance has been transformative.

Our studies have emphasized moving beyond conventional “liberal peacebuilding” approaches. We recognize that practical peace work demands locally driven, contextually sensitive strategies that honour

Indigenous knowledge and community wisdom. This understanding has shaped our approach to peace practice, emphasizing the vital connection between theoretical frameworks and community-based action.

Today's presentations and discussions will explore the dynamic intersection of peace theory and practice. We will address crucial questions about implementing academic knowledge in complex conflict situations, navigating implementation challenges, and ensuring our interventions are locally meaningful and globally relevant.

Through analysis of successful grassroots initiatives and practical methodologies, we will demonstrate how peace theories can catalyze tangible change. As we step forward into our roles as peace practitioners, we remain dedicated to transforming scholarly insights into practical solutions, working towards a world where sustainable peace becomes a living reality for communities everywhere.

With peace and solidarity,

Pariya and Tamim,
Rotary Peace Fellow Class XXII Representatives



Program

10:00–
10:30am Coffee, tea and
registration desk open

10:30am–1:00pm Welcome to Country
Welcome from Professor
Katrina Lee Koo, Head of School

Welcome from UQ Rotary Peace Centre
Director Seb Kaempf

Rotary Advisory Board HAC welcome Ms
Leslie Smith

Trustee, The Rotary Foundation, Dennis
Shore

Welcome on behalf of Rotary Class 22 by
class representatives

Keynote Speaker Professor Olivera Simic
Q&A

AFE Presentations 1 - 4

Lunch

2:00 - 3:00pm Nowruz Celebration

AFE Presentations 5-8

Break

Breakout room Activities

4:35pm – 5:00pm Thank you remarks from UQ Rotary
Peace Centre Direrector Seb Kaempf

Thank you remarks Rotary Host
Area Coordinator Leslie Smith and
presentation alumni certificates and
pins for Class 22

Presentation of Janet Lawrence
recognition 2024

Close

5:00 - 6:00pm Drinks & Canapes

Guest
Speaker

Professor Olivera Simic



Professor Olivera Simic



Olivera Simić is Professor with the Griffith Law School, a feminist and a human rights activist. Dr Simić was born in the former Yugoslavia and lived through the Yugoslav Wars (1991-1999). She was nineteen years old, studying the first year of a law degree in Bosnia and Herzegovina when the Bosnian War broke out in 1992. Initially as a refugee, and later as a migrant, Dr Simić lived and studied in Europe, the USA and South America, before coming to Australia in 2006. In 2014 Dr Simić published a memoir based on her experiences with war in Bosnia titled “Surviving Peace: a political memoir” (Spinifex).

She has published four monographs and eight co-edited collections, numerous book chapters, journal articles and personal narratives. Her writing has appeared in online media such as The Conversation, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network and Lawyers Weekly. Her non-fiction work draws on hundreds of interviews with victims, perpetrators and bystanders of the wars. The stories of people who struggle with post-war trauma and seek some form of justice for crimes they survived, particularly women, are at the heart of Dr Simić’s work. Her latest book *Lola’s War: Rape Without Punishment* was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2023. Her forthcoming book *Madam War Criminal: Biljana Plavsic, Serbia’s Iron Lady* will be published by Hurst in 2025.

Dr Simić was a nominee for the Penny Pether Prize for Scholarship in Law, Literature and the Humanities, and won the Peace Women Award from Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF, Australian branch). *Lola’s War* has been shortlisted for ALRA Book award 2024.

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2024–2025



Ghadeer Bandak

Jordan



Ghadeer Bandak has ten years of experience in working in humanitarian international NGOs, primarily in the Middle East, Northern and Central Africa.

Her experience encompasses managing projects catered to improve the living conditions of affected populations post conflict. In particular, she has managed projects centered around child protection, education, gender-based violence, and the provision of basic needs to the most vulnerable beneficiaries.

Ghadeer holds a B.A. in Foreign Languages - Spanish and English from the University of Jordan. And with her first language being Arabic, she is able to communicate in three languages.

Applied Field Experience (AFE):

Ghadeer completed her AFE with Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS), a nonprofit organisation providing essential legal support to people who have fled persecution to find certainty and safety in Australia. Applying for protection in Australia is a complex and arduous process. RACS lawyers provide trauma-informed legal support for people of all nationalities, religions and gender identities, and advocate for fairer and more humane asylum policies.

With RACS, Ghadeer assisted in two major roles. The first one included being on the frontend; receiving phone calls from refugees and asylum seekers in Australia inquiring about their legal and visa status, inserting their info onto the shared legal platform, and referring them to the appropriate legal personnel in RACS for appropriate legal advice. Her second role involved collaborating with the advocacy department to draft policy proposals to the Australian government. These proposals highlighted necessary legislative changes based on case studies and RACS's database of refugees and asylum seekers, aiming to expose legal loopholes that subjugate refugees to more vulnerability while in Australia

Ghadeer's experience in the AFE program and her master's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies have deepened her theoretical understanding, complementing her practical expertise and strengthening her ability to advance in her career.

Rotary Host Club: Paddington
AFE Country: Australia



Johanna Cruz Herrera

Colombia

Johanna Cruz Herrera acknowledges the Jagera and the Turrbal people and honors their strength, wisdom, and efforts to custody Meanjin (Brisbane), their land that was never ceded. She pays her respects to their elders past, present, and yet to come.

Johanna is a Colombian sociologist with an advanced degree in Public Policies and Gender Justice and over 14 years of experience in the governmental and international sectors, including six years with the United Nations in conflict and crisis environments. She has dedicated her career to advancing gender-responsive policies, fostering social cohesion, and supporting transitional justice processes in conflict-affected settings.

Johanna's career began in Colombia, where she worked on transitional justice initiatives to support victims of the armed conflict, advocating for gender-sensitive reparations and reintegration programs. At the same time, she was also a university professor. Her commitment to addressing systemic inequalities led her to serve as a specialist on Women, Peace, and Security at UN Women, where she played a pivotal role in shaping gender-responsive peacebuilding initiatives across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Before being selected as a Rotary Peace Fellow, Johanna was the Programme Coordinator for Venezuela at the UN Women Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean. There, she established and led programs on gender equality and women's empowerment integrated into humanitarian responses, peacebuilding strategies, and development efforts, working closely with civil society and the UN system.

As a Rotary Peace Fellow, Johanna deepened her understanding of the nexus between environmental change and conflict through her Applied Field Experience (AFE) with UN Women and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office for Europe and Central Asia. Conducting a Baseline Analysis on Women, Peace, and Security in the region, she

examined Central Asia's gendered dimensions of climate-induced conflicts and water/environment management challenges.

Given this research's broad scope and tight timeline, Johanna recognized the value of incorporating diverse expertise and invited Typanga Evans to collaborate. Their combined efforts enriched the analysis, bringing complementary perspectives and strengthening the study's depth. Together, they identified key stakeholders and conflict drivers, analyzed the impact of environmental stressors on women's security, and explored pathways for strengthening women's participation in climate governance and conflict resolution. Through in-person field research at the regional office in Istanbul, and in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan, and remote research for Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, they engaged with UN representatives, local peacebuilders, and civil society actors to develop recommendations that inform future UN peacebuilding strategies in the region.

With a steadfast commitment to advancing sustainable peace processes, Johanna aspires to continue working with international organizations, bridging research and practice to tackle the emerging challenges to peace, security, and resilience for marginalized populations worldwide.

Rotary Host Club: Logan
AFE Country: Australia



Pariya Danaei

Iran



Isabell Pariya Danaei is a humanitarian professional with over six years of experience in community-based protection, capacity building, and international law. With a Master's degree in International Law from Shahid Beheshti University and a Bachelor's in Law from the University of Tehran, she has developed expertise in refugee protection and humanitarian assistance. Throughout her career at UNHCR and Relief International, she has led various initiatives focused on improving service delivery for Afghan refugees, developing training curricula for national NGOs, and implementing comprehensive monitoring and evaluation systems.

During her Applied Field Experience (AFE), Pariya contributed to significant youth advocacy initiatives at the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (MYAN) in Melbourne, Australia's national peak body representing young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds. In collaboration with MYAN and the Center for Multicultural Youth (CMY), she contributed to development of a comprehensive concept note on social cohesion, focusing on innovative strategies to enhance youth participation and community engagement. Her research incorporated international best practices from Canada and Europe, providing valuable comparative insights for improving social cohesion in the Australian context. Additionally, Pariya played a key role in developing a youth-focused health and wellbeing snapshot. This evidence-based report synthesized findings from various youth studies, contributing to MYAN's advocacy efforts and policy recommendations for improving services for young people from diverse cultural backgrounds.



Host Rotary Club: Paddington

AFE Country: Australia

Mohammad Tamim Ebrahimi

Afghanistan



Tamim Ebrahimi is a global peace practitioner with over eleven years of experience in peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and trauma awareness. Currently a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland, he holds a Master's in Applied Conflict Transformation Studies from Pannasastra University of Cambodia. Throughout his career, he has managed and led various projects focused on peacebuilding, life skills, relief efforts, and positive parenting.

His work with the International Assistance Mission (IAM) in Afghanistan was instrumental in integrating peacebuilding concepts across IAM's diverse programs in six provinces. These programs included community development initiatives, mental health programs, Noor Hospitals, management schools, and education projects such as the Female Teacher Education Program (FTEP) and the Ophthalmic Technicians Training Program (OTTP). Since 2018, he has been dedicated to mainstreaming peace education in Afghanistan's public sphere, introducing peacebuilding training in schools and universities, beginning in Kabul.

During his Applied Field Experience (AFE) with Swisspeace organization, Tamim actively supported the implementation of the Afghanistan portfolio within the Dealing with the Past Team and the Mediation Team. His contributions included providing administrative and logistical support

for virtual courses, conferences, workshops, and roundtables, as well as conducting independent research and analysis. Additionally, he participated in bi-weekly Afghanistan coordination meetings, contributed to outreach activities and mediation research relevant to Afghanistan, and participated in the Basel Peace Forum 2025.

Tamim has consistently demonstrated strong leadership in challenging environments, balancing his academic and professional commitments while navigating the complexities of working in Afghanistan. His vision for peacebuilding has driven him to develop and facilitate training programs for students, believing that investing in young people is key to sustaining peace. With a deep understanding of conflict dynamics, he applies analytical tools to identify opportunities for sustainable solutions, always approaching challenges with a peace-centered perspective.

Tamim's commitment to his work, family, and country is unwavering. He approaches his responsibilities with integrity, pride, and a deep sense of duty to serve the Afghan people. As a dedicated team builder, he excels in delegation, collaboration, and fostering inclusive environments that promote the empowerment of women. His passion for peace, education, and leadership continues to drive his efforts to create lasting change and contribute to a more peaceful future.



Rotary Host Club: Kippa Ring
AFE Country: Switzerland

Typanga Evans

Canada



Typanga is Dane-zaa, Michif, and French Canadian from Treaty 8 territory. They wish to acknowledge their complicity in the colonization of Indigenous lands while studying in Meanjin (Turrbal and Yuggera land), and express their gratitude to the First Nations friends, co-workers, and community members who have supported them along the way. Typanga is deeply thankful for the teachings, stories, and connections they've shared, which they will carry in their heart as they return home.

Before pursuing their Master of Peace and Conflict Studies at UQ, Typanga worked in various roles at non-profit organizations, including frontline crisis support, administrative assistance, and raising awareness at both the community and provincial levels. These experiences motivated them to seek further education beyond their undergraduate studies in Gender Studies and Indigenous Studies, with the aim of enacting sustainable, meaningful change.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship provided Typanga with an invaluable opportunity to pursue education they hadn't expected to have the chance to receive, ultimately enabling them to gain a master's degree and pursue positions in policy, leadership, and decision-making. They would like to express their sincere gratitude to Brenda Yamkow, Past President of the Swan City Rotary Club, for introducing them to the program and encouraging them to apply, and to Ingrid Neitsch for her guidance throughout the application process. Ingrid's support, knowledge, and helpful contacts—such as Menasha Nikhanj, a Peace Fellow of the certificate program—were essential in this journey.

Through this program, Typanga also formed a meaningful connection with Rotary Peace Fellow Johanna Cruz Herrera (Cohort XXII). In partnership with Johanna for the Advanced Field Experience (AFE), Typanga conducted field research and a context analysis for the UN Regional Offices for Europe and Central Asia, in collaboration with DCO PDA and UN Women. Over the course of six months, they produced an internal report on gendered climate adaptation strategies, water management infrastructure, and conflict prevention insights for Central Asia. This region has been severely impacted by Anthropogenic Environmental Change (AEC), including increased water stress, impending water scarcity, glacial ablation, and natural disasters such as mudslides, flooding, and wildfires—each affecting livelihoods in this heavily industrial and agriculture-dependent area.

The AFE significantly shaped Typanga's future goals. They are now planning to join the APAP-I Program with the Government of Canada in Fall 2026 to pursue a federal ministerial and policy-based position, continuing their efforts to drive meaningful change.

Rotary Host Club: Toowong
AFE Country: Australia



Anne Mathieson

USA



Ane Mathieson is a licensed social worker from the United States with 20 years of experience in addressing poverty, homelessness, and the sexual exploitation of women and girls. She has worked for six nonprofits, including Legal Momentum: The Women's Legal Defense & Education Fund, Sanctuary for Families, and the Organisation for Prostitution Survivors. She has designed and launched four new programs, served on the Executive Council of World Without Exploitation, and co-founded We Fight Back, a boxing empowerment program for survivors of sexual violence. Her work spans advocacy, activism, policy research, and direct service.

In 2020, Ane co-founded the EMPOWER Center, a medical, legal, and social service hub for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation in New York City. Previously, as a 2012 Fulbright Fellow, she researched global prostitution policy in Sweden and published Prostitution Policy: Legalization, Decriminalization, and the Nordic Model in the Seattle Journal for Social Justice. This publication has become a key resource for legislators and advocates strengthening U.S. trafficking laws. She has also completed fellowships with the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women—Asia Pacific in the Philippines and the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society in the U.S. Ane holds a Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in Public Policy Practice and Administration from the University of Washington and a degree in philosophy from the University of Maine.

Ane completed her Applied Field Experience with Women In International Security Australia (WIIS-A), a charity affiliated with Women in International Security (WIIS), the leading global organization advancing women's leadership in international peace and security. WIIS-A sponsors leadership training, mentoring, education, and networking programs, as well as policy-focused events and research initiatives

on the intersection of gender and security.

With WIIS-A, Ane conducted an organizational process audit assessing efficiency, role clarity, governance structures, and effectiveness in achieving WIIS-A's mission. The audit included a document review, a 54 item likert scale survey, initial leadership feedback, and a final report. Ane's recommendations focused on strengthening professionalism, governance, and member engagement. As a result, WIIS-A's Executive Committee prioritized drafting key documents, restructuring governance, and refining the organization's mission.

As a 2024 Rotary Peace Fellow, Ane is eager to gain the tools to prevent femicide and sexual violence in both peacetime and periods of civil unrest.

Host Rotary Host Club: Friend of Rotary
AFE Country: Australia



Leticia Mello de Oliveira

Brazil

Leticia is an aid worker from Brazil with experience in forced displacement settings and socio-environmental crises. Since the beginning of her career, she has worked both remotely and in the field with organizations such as Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), and AVSI Brasil, in her home country and across Latin America. With an academic background in social communications and journalism, Leticia's main areas of work include institutional communication, community awareness, and stakeholder engagement. She is passionate about creative communication, human rights advocacy and photography.

During her Applied Field Experience (AFE), Leticia worked on-site with two organizations while also supporting a third entity that assists both. She joined Relif Aid in its early stages - an NGO dedicated to providing free, sustainable and accessible tools to local collectives and organizations operating in forced displacement contexts and other humanitarian crises. The goal is to facilitate joint actions such as humanitarian coordination, case management, and beneficiary registration while preventing duplication of efforts, ensuring data

protection, and strengthening collaboration among stakeholders. As part of this initiative, Leticia worked on-site with Yoga and Sport with Refugees in Athens and HOST International Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur. In addition to facilitating and supporting the implementation of these new tools, she contributed to other key initiatives tailored to each organization.

In Greece, Leticia supported the coordination between Relif Aid and Yoga and Sport with Refugees, took part in general volunteering activities, and developed a calendar of awareness dates for social media, focused on promoting refugee rights and well-being. In Malaysia, she assisted the child protection team in integrating the new tools, reviewed training materials for safeguarding aimed at parents and caregivers, and produced content for website articles and accountability reports, incorporating data collected through these new tools.

Host Rotary Host Club: Wellington Point
AFE Country: Greece & Malaysia

AFE Country: Chile



Wonder Mwadzichema

Zimbabwe



Wonder was born and raised in Harare, Zimbabwe. He holds a BA in Peace & Conflict Transformation (Major), as well as International Relations & Security Studies (Minor) from Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya (2014-2018) and a Diploma in Biblical Studies from Rusitu Bible College, Zimbabwe (2011).

When he joined the Rotary Peace Fellowship, Wonder was pursuing a Master of Counselling Psychology at Daystar University, Kenya. Wonder is a lecturer, peace educator, and ordained Baptist minister for the past 15 years. He has a strong background in church and peacebuilding; peace education; conflict analysis and management; interfaith dialogue as well as Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Complex Emergencies (MHPSS).

Before joining the Peace Fellowship, Wonder was teaching a peacebuilding course at Rusitu Bible College, running conflict management trainings as well as leading Baptist churches in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Wonder believes the Church as a 'third space' is an underutilized stakeholder in building world peace. His passion and interests include church and peacebuilding; peace education; inter-faith dialogue; mediation, peace advocacy and conflict analysis; nuclear, arms control and disarmament.

For his Applied Field Experience (AFE), Wonder interned with the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, which is under the secretariat of Finn Church Aid (FCA) headquartered in Helsinki, Finland.

He also interned with the African-Australian Advocacy Centre (AAAC) in Sydney, Australia. During this AFE with both FCA and AAAC, areas of involvement included project and program development; stakeholder research for The Network; leading group away teams in seminars on combating youth radicalisation and terrorism in Africa; minutes and report writing; as well as attending executive meetings among many other duties.

Host Rotary Club: Brisbane Inner West
AFE Country: Finland



Annual Trip to Canberra

On 15 June 2024, the Rotary Clubs of Canberra Sunrise and Bungendore hosted five Rotary International Peace Fellows Class XXII members in Canberra.

The objectives of the Canberra visit are to: provide the Fellows with access to the Government and other leaders to support their studies and to gain an understanding of Australia's contribution to the international scene; provide information about the history of Canberra and Australia, the First Nations people and the recognition of them; provide the ability to connect with Rotarians in District 9705 who may wish to be further involved with their projects. It also provides the ability to understand areas where the Fellows may wish to undertake their Applied Fieldwork Experience (internship) within Australia.

District 9705 welcomed and hosted Peace Fellows Leticia Mello de Oliveira, Typanga Evans, Deisy 'Johanna' Cruz Herrera, Wonder Mwadzichema and Mohammad Tamim Ebrahimi. The Fellows were welcomed to Canberra on arrival from Brisbane with a brisk Welcome to Country by Auntie Selina Walker, a proud Ngunnawal woman, Co-Chair of the ACT Reconciliation Council, at the top of Mount Ainslie, along with a discussion on the history of the Canberra area up to the modern day.

The next four days included a visit to the National Gallery, a guided tour of the National Museum of Australia, the First Nations experience of Democracy tour at the Old Parliament House, a visit to the Peace Bell and surrounding gardens, and a tour of the Parliament House.

The professional meetings included sessions with Mr Richard Smith, AO PSM; Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner; Auntie Dr Anne Martin, AM from the ANU Tjabal Centre; and panels from the Australian Civil-Military Centre and DFAT Humanitarian Affairs Division as well as Aspen Medical.

A presentation night for Rotarians was held on the evening of 17 June 2024 at the Canberra Southern Cross Club. The Peace Fellows shared stories about their lives, reasons for entering the program, and hopes for their future careers. The Rotarians were inspired by the Peace Fellows, who are all promoting peace and working to make the



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Camilo Arango

Colombia

Camilo is responsible for developing strategies to promote the participation of the private sector in the implementation of peace agreements in Colombia, as well as positive peace strategies.

Camilo believes that a peaceful future is possible. "I have always lived in a country that has not been able to end a war, and during the last 80 years, it has left more than 10 million victims. That is why I believe that my experience at the University of Queensland will be relevant to learn about other peacebuilding experiences different from those of Latin America and will show me new opportunities to continue serving above self and contribute in a better way to improve living conditions in my country.



I have developed all my professional experience in a challenging city like Medellin and a complex country like Colombia. No doubt, in the short term, the experience as part of the Rotary Peace Fellowship will help me improve my knowledge and skills to continue promoting private sector work in peacebuilding in my region, which is still a big challenge in the country. In the long term, it will allow me to find new professional paths to create new positive peace agendas that allow the consolidation of new conditions of stable and lasting peace in Colombia."

Khrisna Avila

Philippines

Khrisna leads research studies for international non-government organizations. Khrisna is also a contributor to research work involving data collection and interviews in-country or in the region.

"I anticipate being introduced to a diverse array of experts and practitioners who can serve as mentors and coaches, guiding me in both my academic pursuits and future career endeavors. One of the most compelling aspects of the fellowship is the prospect of collaborating with colleagues and classmates who share a passion for addressing complex societal challenges. Through engaging discussions and critical thinking exercises, I am eager to explore innovative solutions and processes that can effectively address pressing issues within our country and region. The guidance of experienced mentors and professors will be instrumental in shaping my development as an effective peace builder and advocate, equipping me with the skills and knowledge needed to lead impactful programs and initiatives within



communities, particularly those affecting vulnerable populations such as women and children. In essence, the fellowship program represents a transformative opportunity for me to broaden my horizons, deepen my understanding, and refine my skills as a changemaker in the field of development work.

I have 3 short-term career goals: My primary objective is to secure a position within an international development organization, leveraging the skills, knowledge, and network acquired during the fellowship. Continue my specialization in Peace building and Conflict Resolution by pursuing activities and programs that involve conflict analysis, negotiations and mediations to foster peace and stability. Lastly, promote and advocate policy reforms in driving systemic change within national agencies and government bodies and even smaller community bodies to address structural inequalities and promoting human rights."

Patmillia Doe Paivey

Liberia

Patmillia currently provides and supports policy direction and strategy to protect, and promote human rights in the Republic of Liberia according to the provisions of the Act creating the entity which includes, monitoring and reporting the status of human rights in Liberia annually; investigating and providing redress to individuals whose rights are violated through a quasi-judicial mechanism etc.; and making recommendations to government for improving human rights while also ensuring compliance to international laws, treaties and other obligations.

"I aim to acquire higher education in peace building, conflict resolution and international development which will prepare me to meet the challenges that impede peace across my country and the world. It will enable me to solve problems confronting women



and youth, especially those caught up in conflict and post conflict eras. This fellowship will provide theoretical and research education that will strengthen me professionally. I am optimistic that this fellowship will catapult and empower me as a global leader for continuously pursuing peace and development.

My short-term goal is to become a thought leader in the field of peace and development through acquired knowledge, research and field experience. My long-term goal is to serve peace missions and humanity, utilizing practical solutions to alleviate poverty and promote, peace and development in the most difficult communities. I also wish to emerge as a global peace leader to promote lasting peace and change."

Koduah Emmanuel

Ghana

Koduah currently conducts research into conflict issues and makes recommendations to relevant stakeholders on actions to promote trust and confidence between and among groups. He facilitates the mapping of conflict indicators in the Bono East region as a tool for early warning and development of conflict database. Koduah collects data for the development of a framework for dialogue, mediation, and negotiation between actors in conflict. His work facilitates the mediation of conflicts which are likely to erupt in violence and intervene after law and order is restored by the Regional Security Council. He pursues mass education programmes, seminars, and community dialogue to increase awareness on the use of non-violent strategies to prevent, manage and resolve conflict to build sustainable peace.



"Through the Rotary Peace Fellowship, I will have access to prominent professors and tapping into their guidance and experience, my education will be holistic and refine my approach to real world practical problems.

My professional dream after completing the fellowship is to work for and later establish a non-governmental organization dedicated to empowering the rural masses in peacebuilding and conflict resolution in order to alleviate poverty and contribute towards food security."

Lorena Jesus

Brazil



Lorena currently works for Empreduca Institute in Brazil as a project assistant.

“With the Rotary Peace Fellowship, I expect to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to pursue a career in conflict resolution and be a catalyst for peace. It is not an easy path, and it requires a lot of responsibility, experience and knowledge. Therefore it is fundamental to keep studying and acquiring the necessary skills. With this program, I can deepen my skills in analyzing the origin, dynamics and resolution of armed conflicts on a scientific basis, understanding its varied expressions.

I see the Rotary Peace Fellowship as a next step in my career, which will provide me the path to join international organizations in order to work for development and peace on a systemic level. Once I finish the masters program, I will be applying for international organizations and UN agencies, and hopefully as a long term career goal work with international policies”.

Thristina Kanka

USA



Thristina currently works in the United States Peace Corps as an assessment officer where she assesses and interviews for Peace Corps placements and works with host countries on identifying needs.

“As a Peace Corps volunteer, I experienced people-to-people situations where I learned the importance of capacity building through direct interactions with people in an East African community. This two-year experience, living and working in another country, was a challenging experience that tested and strengthened my interpersonal skills. I see this fellowship as a way to build on those people-to-people skills and allow me to learn academically about international development work. It will broaden my understanding of data and case studies worldwide and, hopefully, challenge me to think in new ways with new perspectives further giving me more tools to continue the work I love while serving as a Peace Corps volunteer.

After completing this fellowship, my short-term goal is to continue working with the communities I will be a part of for my applied fieldwork through the fellowship program. The applied fieldwork experience is for a few months, and I would like to return to this research to continue learning more. My long-term goal is to work in communities as a bridge builder to further cross-cultural understanding and growth. I am particularly interested in working with female and immigrant populations. However, I am leaving some room for discovery as I learn more through obtaining my master's degree and specific areas of work. In my experience with peace-building work, I understand the importance of allowing room for flexibility.”

Samantha Murray

Canada



Samantha currently works for World Wildlife Fund Canada as a senior specialist in fundraising.

"I am really excited to be surrounded by individuals who are looking to make a bigger impact, make the world a better place and look at things on a higher level. I am excited to leave my Masters program motivated to go out into the world to challenge the status quo. I am also looking forward to discussing the non-profit world (particularly in regards to philanthropy & fundraising) with others around the world. There is a bubble when living in Canada and it would be helpful to dive deeper into how power dynamics of those that donate money and those that use it affect those in other countries; I am really excited to be talking about these societal questions with the other Fellows in order to improve the non-profit and social justice world as a whole.

I have recently started working at the senior level at a non-profit, and would like to continue on this career growth. I think, after diving into other aspects of the social justice world, if my path draws me back to the non-profit world, I'd love to act as an Executive Director for a small non-profit that focuses on access to human rights. I think there is a lot of power imbalances in the philanthropy world between the global majority and the global minority, and I think I am in the unique place where I will have the education to adequately discuss these imbalances with wealthy individuals, and be able to advocate for those lacking access to human rights in a dignified and powerful way. I've also loved my time at smaller non-profits and think that after gaining experience on other teams through this Fellowship and shorter-term career goals, I think I would be able to become a very well-rounded leader."

Kathleen Novelia

Canada/Indonesia



Kathleen currently works as an immigration and settlement navigator - she supports employers and newcomers in rural areas via immigration program literacy and creation of community welcome groups.

"I never knew the word "community development" until the age of 24, and in many ways, I am a late bloomer in this field. This fellowship will allow me to play catch-up in terms of my professional training and build the credibility I feel I need to be taken seriously to make a difference in my country of origin, Indonesia. It will also allow me to have a portfolio of work that demonstrates my professional achievements and competencies relevant to employment in the peace, conflict and development fields. It will help build my own confidence for my peace-building ambitions. "A rising tide lifts all boats." I see this fellowship as the tide I need to lift me - as a way of gaining a robust international network, and mind-opening experiences from the current academic standards so that I can continue to be a catalyst to raise the Global Peace Index in all communities I will work in, especially in Indonesia.

I am open to catch any career opportunity that might come my way after the fellowship. Since I was offered a one-year position after a five-week research project in Tanzania, I understand that the number of conferences, and field studies during the fellowship could potentially lead me to other opportunities. I strive to be able to work in food security through community economic development in Asia, especially Indonesia. Besides being free-spirited, if I need to come back to rural Nova Scotia for the time being right after the fellowship, I plan to work in policy by being directly involved in politics, specifically in municipal governance, or advocacy group."

Salim Uqdah

USA

Salim currently provides dispute resolution services in form of mediation, arbitration, facilitation, consulting and conflict coaching.

“The Peace Fellowship program will undoubtedly profoundly impact my maturation as a peacekeeper, professional, and human being. I anticipate gaining a complex comprehension of the genesis and proliferation of conflict, peacebuilding strategies, and the complexities of putting theory into practice in facilitations, mediations, negotiations, and broader forums. I look forward to contributing actively to the peacekeeping community and being a bridge to the legal dispute resolution field. I relish learning from diverse perspectives and translating my new found insights into tangible actions that positively impact individuals, communities, and institutions worldwide.



Upon completing the fellowship, my short-term goal is to apply the knowledge, skills, and insights gained to sharpen my skills as a dispute resolution professional. In the long term, I aspire to engage in dispute system design as a consultant to engage in organizational design and business process reengineering in corporate, governmental and NGOs and non-profits to normalize the usage of dispute resolution processes in everyday people's professional and private lives. Ultimately, I aim to catalyze and craft a more conflict-literate world, fostering dialogue, innovation, and lasting global peace.”

Pravin Wankhede

India

Pravin currently works as a community engagement officer. He facilitates and supports regular activities and provides guidance to more than 4000 residents. He is responsible for Resident User Research, data collection, community profiling, ecosystem mapping, and the creation of a community development model. Working with vulnerable community targets, women, the elderly, and home-based business groups to create economic opportunities and enhance their holistic living. Co-designing the workshops with the residents in order to achieve the sustainable peace in the community. Mediating between Facility team, Society Committee and residents to mitigate conflict.

“My participation in the Rotary Peace Fellowship program will profoundly impact me by equipping me with advanced knowledge and practical skills in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. Also, it will provide me with invaluable networking opportunities with global peace practitioners and scholars, enhancing my ability to contribute effectively to peace initiatives in my local community and beyond. This experience will significantly



broaden my perspective, foster a deep understanding of local as well as international peace issues, and empower me to drive meaningful change towards a more peaceful society.

Upon returning to my home country, my immediate goal is to conduct comprehensive research on conflict and poverty in the North Maharashtra Region, which includes some of the poorest and most conflict-prone districts. My research will focus on assessing the effectiveness of existing peacebuilding practices, identifying their shortcomings, and developing new strategies that address the root causes of conflict and poverty in this area. By understanding the local dynamics and challenges, I aim to propose innovative and practical solutions tailored to the needs of the community. In the long term, I plan to collaborate with local Rotary clubs and organizations such as Pradan, An and Ghar, and Tarunaai to implement sustainable peacebuilding projects based on the findings of my research. These projects will not only aim to prevent conflicts but also create livelihood opportunities for the local population.”

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Seb is an award-winning peace studies teacher and scholar, working on the relationship between ethics and war as well as on the role of information technology in peace and conflict. He published his book 'Saving Soldiers or Civilians' with Cambridge University Press, and recently co-produced an award-winning film documentary 'Theatres of War: How the CIA and Pentagon took Hollywood' (currently viewable on SBS on Demand). With his colleague Al Stark, he co-hosts the podcast 'Higher Ed Heroes'. He

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Dr. Melissa Johnston is a Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies and the Rotary Peace Centre Deputy Director in the School of Political Science & International Studies (POLSIS) here at the University of Queensland.

Melissa's research examines how gender-based violence, gender inequality, and marriage markets may lead to violent conflict.

She has won several awards, including the 2024 BISA International Political Economy Group (IPEG) Book Prize, the best thesis in political studies (APSA 2019) and the best article in international political economy (AIPEN 2020).

Melissa's research on the links between misogyny and violent extremism has been cited by the UN Secretary General and other international organisations.

She is currently working on her Australia Research Council DECRA project on 'Brideprice, Conflict, and Violence Against Women in Asia'.

Mrs Diana McCluskey Centre Manager



Diana McCluskey commenced as the Manager for both the Rotary Peace Centre and Graduate Centre in Governance and International Affairs at the School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland in 2016.

Her role includes strategically managing the regular operation of both Centres which includes administration, student engagement, employability, marketing and events. A program manager for many years, Diana has been working in the tertiary education field since 2009 including managing the award winning QUT industry mentor program, and the Australian College of Rural and Remote

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Diana is originally from Hong Kong and was educated in England. She has 4 adult children and lives in Brisbane. Her husband's previous membership of the Bardon Rotary Club gave her insight into the wonderful work Rotarians do – and in 2023 she was made a Paul Harris Fellow for her work in the UQ Rotary Peace Centre.

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