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Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution Undergraduate Thematic Area

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From the age of 21, I have worked to end human rights abuses, violence, and war, and restore the environment. I am a peace scholar and practitioner, with extensive knowledge of nonviolent social movements, the political economy of war spending, gender & peacebuilding. I have edited or written 27 publications, led eight non-profits, and taught at six universities. I was recognized for my leadership and “moral courage” by four foundations and academic societies. I am featured in Amy Goodman’s book *Exceptions to the Rulers*, and in the *Progressive* magazine for opposing the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq as a U.S. government official. My interviews include *The Washington Post*, NBC Nightly News, Australian Broadcasting, *Nuclear Times*, and broadcasts in India, Uganda, Zambia, Palestine-Israel, and Australia (find links under Media Appearances).

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

peace education	teaching & curriculum develop	advocacy and citizen lobbying
conflict mapping	policy analysis	systems thinking
dialogue & facilitation	gender-human rights	Middle East policy
strategic planning	program evaluation	program management
public speaking	board & donor relations	staff develop & team-building

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Faculty Member, School for International Service, American University, Washington, D.C., Spring 2010 - to present. Teach “Gender, Violence and Peace-building”, “Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution” among other master’s and undergraduate courses. Use highly-interactive and democratic teaching methods. Mentor and assist countless students. Conduct research on global women’s peacebuilding movements. Work with teachers, children, and neighborhood organizers to de-escalate violence in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Contribute to race and reconciliation on campus. <https://american.edu/sis/>

Designer-Writer, 2009, Walden University and Brand Ed Inc. “Inter-group Conflict and Peace-building”. On-line graduate psychology course for Walden University and Brand Ed Inc. <https://info.waldenu.edu/brand>

Co-Director, Peace Brigades International-USA, 2003-2008. Directed highly-regarded global human rights organization protecting civilians from death squads in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Mexico and Nepal, using a pioneering strategy called “nonviolent protective accompaniment”. Activated emergency response networks to forestall massacres. Helped recruit field teams to deploy to conflict areas. Raised foundation grants. Managed events, speaking tours, publicity, finances, legal affairs, staff and interns. www.peacebrigades.org.

Lecturer, Georgetown University, Justice and Peace Studies Program, School of Foreign Service, Fall 2000 to 2014. Part-time teaching “Nonviolence in Theory and Practice” and “Engaging and Transforming Conflict”. <https://justiceandpeace.georgetown.edu/>

Chair of the Board, Interfaith Peacebuilders (now [Eye Witness Palestine](#)) 2008-2013. Organizing delegations to Palestine to foster a network of informed, active citizens who understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the U.S. political, military, and economic role in it. Returning delegates broadcast, testify and lobby for peace.

Senior Associate, V-Day Foundation: Until the Violence Stops, 2002-2003, Washington DC. Worked for playwright Eve Ensler to award grants from her foundation in partnership with grassroots women’s coalitions in 12 countries to end honor killings, bride burnings, female genital mutilation, rape, incest and war. Organized celebrity delegations to Africa, Afghanistan and Palestine-Israel to shine the spotlight on violence against

women. Foundation is funded through the annual royalties from Eve's play, "*The Vagina Monologues*" and her 16 other productions. www.v-day.org

Program Officer and Senior Trainer, United States Institute of Peace (GS-12), 1997-2002. Designed and taught interactive peacebuilding seminars for diplomats, U.S. Foreign Service Officers, refugee officials, medical personnel, UN representatives, NGOs, police officers and soldiers in complex humanitarian emergencies and peace operations, at an agency chartered and funded by the U.S Congress. Managed trainings. Identified subject matter experts. Wrote case studies, role-plays, and simulations. Evaluated impact of the trainings six months post. Reported to Congressional Appropriations Committees. Wrote "Best Practices" guide for trainers. Served on USIP grants review panels to fund worthy education and training proposals. www.usip.org

Executive Director, Consortium on Peace Research, Education and Development (COPRED), George Mason University, 1992 -1997. Directed a national membership network for K-12 educators, professors and researchers working for peaceful conflict resolution. Conducted seminars for college deans and faculty to establish degree programs. Built a highly-regarded database of peace professors and specialists. Organized annual membership conference. Edited and published quarterly newsletter. Wrote grant proposals. Compiled *The Global Directory of Peace Studies Programs*. Maintained official legal documents. Managed budgets and finances. Eliminated a \$30,000 debt and put COPRED on sound financial footing. Recruited, trained and supervised staff for five years.

Director, National Whistleblower Center, Washington, D.C., 1989 – 1992. Part-time fundraiser for a law center representing atomic and federal workers who lost their jobs at atomic weapons facilities and power plants for exposing environmental hazards and safety concerns. Wrote grant proposals. Managed all grants, foundation relationships and board governance. <https://www.whistleblowers.org/>

Director, Educating for Global Responsibility, League for Innovation in Community Colleges 1989 - 1992. Trained faculty and administrators on 46 campuses in dialogue and facilitation skills to analyze and resolve conflicts, and understand the impact of global issues in their communities. Facilitated public forums about key challenges such as environmental conflicts, race relations, immigration, foreign policies, and plant closings. Partnered with faculty, students, and citizens' networks to generate solutions and policy options to meet community needs. Researched economic conditions in each region. Traveled widely across the U.S. Raised all program funds. Selected venues. Identified subject matter experts. <http://www.fhda.edu/about-us/league-for-innovation>

Director, Real Security Education Project, the Institute for Policy Studies, 1986 - 1989. Conducted study circles and discussion programs with civic leaders, elected officials, journalists, clergy, school teachers, labor unions, students, and academics to develop new foreign and military policies for the United States based on green jobs, equal trade, and reductions in military spending. Co-organized and led international labor delegations to El Salvador to stop the killing of trade union activists by the death squads, in conjunction with the International Aerospace and Machinists Union and the Municipal Workers of El Salvador. Traveled extensively across the U.S. to facilitate the study circles. Wrote study guides and designed discussion programs. <https://ips-dc.org/>

Director, Academic Programs, World Policy Institute, New York, NY, 1981 - 1986. Promoted the establishment of over 200 university degree programs in global peace. Awarded grants, fellowships, and seed money to academics. Surveyed 10,000 professors on the content and design of their peace studies courses. Compiled *PEACE & WORLD ORDER STUDIES*, a curriculum book, now in 7th Ed. <https://worldpolicy.org/>

External Honors Examiner, Swarthmore College, Peace Studies Program, spring 2010. Create written and oral exams for Peace Studies Honors students, based on the Oxford University model of oral examination by an outside expert.

Co-Instructor, University of Maryland, College of Education summer 2009 and 2010. Co-taught graduate courses in “Education for Global Peace” for Maryland public school teachers and doctoral candidates with Dr. Jing Lin. Served as an advisor to establish a new graduate program for International Peace Leadership, and a campus-wide “Semester of Peace”.

Adjunct, Catholic University, Spring 2007 to Spring 2013. Taught undergraduate courses on alternatives to war and violence. Attracted ROTC cadets, and U.S. veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Student evaluations available in hardcopy.

Adjunct, Columbia University Teachers College, Doctoral Program in Peace Education, Summer 2002. Taught 18 students the theory and practice of peace education and nonviolence in an intensive summer course, 5 hours a day for three weeks. Designed all aspects of the course.

PUBLICATIONS

“The Promise of Nonviolence”, chapter 6 in Abdul Aziz Said, *The Mualim/Honorable Teacher and Professor Abdul Aziz Said*, https://novapublishers.com/?post_type=product&product_cat=&s=The+Mualim (pages 135-168) March 2018

Teaching Peace Through Popular Culture. Co-edited with Laura Findley. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishers, 2015 <http://www.infoagepub.com/products/Teaching-Peace-Through-Popular-Culture>

“Preventing School Violence” chapter in *School Violence: A Reference Handbook*, ABC-CLIO Press, 2014 <http://www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOCorporate/product.aspx?pc=A4293C>

“Breakthroughs and Paradigm Shifts to End War”, *Washington Peace Letter*, Spring 2011

“Peaceful Bodyguards for Human Rights: Lessons from 30 Years of Peace Brigades in War Zones”, in *The New Humanitarians*. (Connecticut: Greenwood/Praeger Publishers), 2009

“Peace Studies in the U.S.: Key Trends and Unresolved Questions”, introductory essay in *Peace, Justice and World Security Studies: A Curriculum Guide*. (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers), 2009

“Women’s Way: Creative Conflict Resolution”, in *A Matter of Spirit* magazine, Portland, Oregon, October 2009

“Organizing for Peace and Human Rights in Your Community: Proven Strategies and Tactics”, an on-line teaching module for the Peace Support Network, January 2009

“Comprehensive Peace Education”, September 2008 in *Community of Christ* magazine

“Best Practices in Training in Peace Operations and Humanitarian Missions” (USIP Press: Washington, D.C.) June 2000

Editor, *Global Directory of Peace and Conflict Studies Programs*. 1996. ISSN 1088-2863. 148 pp.

Editor, “*The COPRED Peace Chronicle*”, a quarterly newsletter for peace educators and researchers, 1993-1997

Author, Real Security Education Curriculum. Library of Congress copyright 1991. 180 pp.

Author, "News and Numbers: Do they Measure Human Costs?" in *Media & Values, a Quarterly Resource for Media Awareness*, Summer 1989, No. 47.

Author, "Arms and Debt: The Militarization of World Debt" in *The Mobilizer*, the magazine of the National Mobilization for Survival, Spring 1986.

Contributor, From Debt to Development: Alternatives to the International Debt Crisis (Washington, D.C.: Institute for Policy Studies, 1985). 80 pp.

Editor, Peace and World Order Studies: A Curriculum Guide (NY: World Policy Institute, 4th Edition, 1984). 742 pp.

Author of a radio script and study guide, "What About the Russians?" for IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, a weekly radio program of the Fund for Peace, New York, NY, 1984

Author, Organizing for Peace and World Order Studies on Campus: A Manual of Strategies and Ideas (NY: Project for Global Education, 1981). 58 pp.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

"Women and the Global Refugee Crisis" March 8, 2017 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpO_9JYjgnk&t=1106s

Hosted the original Freedom Riders at American Univ to counter hate crimes against Black students, Oct 2017 <https://www.american.edu/sis/news/20171010-Freedom-Riders-discuss-nonviolent-protest-with-SIS-students.cfm>

"Peace Studies and Peace Activism", Talk Radio Nation, July 18, 2017. Host David Swanson <http://davidswanson.org/talk-nation-radio-barbara-wien-on-peace-studies-and-peace-activism/>

"Ending Gender Violence", World Affairs Council, March 2017 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9jKcxbdj4&feature=youtu.be>

"From Selma to St. Louis, Civil Resistance in Ferguson and Beyond" 2015, International Center for Nonviolent Conflict, <https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/from-selma-to-st-louis-civil-resistance-in-ferguson-and-beyond/>

"People's Tribunals on Iraq", Veterans Against the War & Code Pink <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ea3OZ2wXSW4>

World Beyond War, Sept 2016 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsj_W_uL2Ds and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eQzTkx9pqY>

"Countering Violent Extremism", on *All Together Now*, Host Eleanor LeCain, Progressive Radio Network, March 24, 2016 <http://prn.fm/tag/barbara-wien/>

Fairfax County Student Peace Awards <https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=592922050783224> (part 1)
(Part 3) <https://www.facebook.com/188776741197759/videos/vb.188776741197759/592953284113434/?type=2&theater>

Northern Virginia newspapers <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2014/mar/06/honored-promoting-peace/>

National Public Radio, April 15, 2011 <http://www.npr.org/2011/04/15/135391188/whatever-happened-to-the-anti-war-movement>

Ending Student Debt "We are the Students" <https://vimeo.com/40905800>

"The Israeli Occupation", The Harold Sanders Show, Phoenix Arizona, January 29, 2003

"Eyewitness to Palestine", Australian Public Radio, November 2002

BBC World News Service on opposition to the U.S. invasion of Iraq, November 2002

Democracy Now! Pacifica Radio Amy Goodman on censorship and the Iraq war, Nov. 2001

Zambian Public Radio, October 6, 2000 on the rise of international civil society

“JROTC: The Military in America’s High Schools”, America’s Defense Monitor, Public Television, 1996

Special Appointments

Stepanek Inaugural Peace Lecture, October 2016 <http://www.mattieonline.com/?p=24219>

Judge for \$50,000 Peace Education Prize and Master of Ceremonies, El-Hibri Charitable Trust, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 <http://www.elhibriprize.org/>

Special Advisor, U.S. State Department, “Women and Peace-building Tour” India, 2002. Worked with educators, political leaders, and grassroots activists to share nonviolent strategies from around the world to stop ethnic violence in Gujarat and communal conflicts in the NE regions of India, with special emphasis on the role of women. Delivered scores of talks and media appearances.

Speaker, U.S. Information Agency, “Grassroots Peace-building and Strengthening”, 2000. Toured Zambia and Uganda at the invitation of the State Department to share lessons from civil society in organizing for peace, and to learn from African movements to end the use of child soldiers and ethnic violence. Learned of the Acholi Religious Leaders for Peace working gain the release of 5,000 child soldiers. <http://www.arlpi.org/>

Speaker, Japanese International Studies Association, “A Post-Cold War Peace Agenda for U.S. Foreign Policy”, Fall 1996. A speaking tour of Makuhari, Kyoto, Hiroshima, and the Institute of Social Sciences, Chuo University.

National Leadership Award, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, 1995-1998. Won a three-year Kellogg Fellowship to examine the “Origins of Social Courage”; a study of why people risk their lives to stand up for the rights of others. Equivalent to a Ph.D. program, but non-degree granting. <https://www.wkkf.org/>

Visiting Fellow, Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 1986. Appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Education for the UN “International Year of Peace” to initiate Peace Studies in 19 Australian universities. Worked closely with faculty and students to develop curricula. Embarked on a continent-wide speaking tour on peace and foreign policy concerns. Won critical acclaim from trade union groups for commentaries on nuclear testing in the Pacific. Interviewed by more than a dozen Australian newspapers, television shows and radio stations.

EDUCATION

2000 Certified Master Trainer and Facilitator, Langevin Professional Development Institute
1986 Certificate in Peace Education, Columbia Univ. Teachers College, International Institutes
1984 Graduate studies in Comparative World History and Economics, City University of NY
1981 BA Public Communication and International Relations, American University, Wash, DC

AWARDS and RECOGNITION

- “Professor with the Greatest Impact”, Merit Scholar Award students, American University, 2018
- “My Favorite Professor”, voted by American University students 2012 and again in 2018
- “Social Courage”, Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA), October 2007
- “Outstanding Lifetime Service”, Consortium on Peace Research, Ed & Dev, October 2001.
- "National Kellogg Leadership Award", 3 year fellowship, Kellogg Foundation, 1995-1998
- "Outstanding Community Organizer of New York City", Bread for the World, 1983
- “Young America Speaks Out”, Keynote Speaker, AFL-CIO Civil Rights Conference, 1981

TRAININGS (small sampling)

- “Nonviolence Training”, December 2014, 2015, 2016, American University
- “Nonviolent Strategy”, Georgetown University, February 2012
- “Strategic Nonviolence”, University of Maryland, March 2010
- “Managing Conflict during Humanitarian Operations: Improving Negotiation and Cross-Cultural Skills,” for 37 NGOs & United Nations agencies. 2000, 2001 & 2001. Budapest.
- “Training for UN Policing in Kosovo and E. Timor,” involving hundreds of U.S. police officers deploying with CIVPOL. March, April, June, July 2000, & Feb. 2001. Dallas, TX.
- "Negotiations during Humanitarian Operations", Field officers, UNHCR, Sept 1999. Cote d'Ivoire.
- "Democratic Community Policing during Peace Operations", Kosovo, June, July, August, Dec. 1999.
- "Allies or Adversaries? The Media and Spokespersons during Peace Processes", Bosnia, May 1999.
- “Negotiation & Problem-Solving Skills”, Field Officers, UNHCR, Cote d'Ivoire, Sept. 1998
- “Cross-Cultural Methods of Conflict Resolution”, US State Dept., DC. July ‘97 & July ‘98.
- “Improving Civil-Military Relations”, Ft. McNair Army Base, November 1997.
- “Conflict, War and Humanitarian Concerns”, Country Directors of Mercy Corps, June 1997.
- “Negotiating Coastal Zone Conflicts”, Managers NOAA, Washington D.C. April 1997.

SIMULATIONS and ROLE-PLAYS

“Negotiating with the Taliban”, a role-play for NGO and United Nations personnel to negotiate the delivery of schools supplies for girls in rural areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

“The World Economy Game”, a 2 hour simulation on the political economy of world commodities, finance, debt and poverty. The game has evolved over many years. Designed with Peace Corps volunteers, African labor economists, environmentalists, and Quakers.

“The Water Well”, a cross-cultural, nonverbal simulation for Western aid workers to understand how development aid can fuel or exacerbate conflicts.

“Community Policing to Stop Gender Violence”, a role-play for officers to prepare to deploy to East Timor and Kosovo with CIVPOL. Based on the authentic experiences of police officers.

“By-Stander on the Subway” about social courage and standing up for the rights of others.

SPEECHES and Panel PRESENTATIONS

“Gender, Violence and Refugees”, No Lost Generation, American University March 2017

“Syria, Refugees and Nonviolence” SIS, American Univ. Teach-in, December 2016

“Sex & World Peace”, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), Washington D.C. April 2015

“Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County”, Keynote speaker, Fairfax, Virginia, March 2, 2014

“Jamnesty” Amnesty event, Keynote speaker, James Madison High School, Fairfax VA, April 2014

“Peace is Possible”, Bowie State University, Peace Week, April 2012

“Understanding the Occupy Wall Street Movement”, Georgetown Univ teach-ins, 2012 and 2011

“Innovations in Conflict Resolution”, graduate student conference, Georgetown Univ, March 20, 2010

“Framing our Successes”, a Peace Voice Conference,Portland State U. Oregon. August 2009

“Abolishing War”, National Assoc. of Int’l Educators (NAFSA), Los Angeles, CA. May 2009

“Building Academic Programs for International Cooperation”, Univ. of Maryland. Sept. 2008

“Protecting Human Rights Defenders from the Death Squads”, NAFSA. May 2008

“Ethics and U.S. Foreign Policy”, Miami-Dade Community College. November 2007

“Cause for Hope?” Concerned Philosophers for Peace, Manchester College, IN. November 2007

“Public Scholars for Peace”, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown PA. September 2007

“Tools and Techniques for Nonviolent Direct Action” guest instructor, Summer Peace-building Institute, the American University. July 2003 and 2002

“Eye Witness to the Occupation”, Unitarian Universalist Church, Reston VA. March 2002.

“Working for Peace during a Time of War,” 1,200 high school students, Green Bay, WI. Feb. 2002

“Creating a Culture of Peace,” presentation Board, Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy. December 2001

“Alternatives to the Bombing of Afghanistan,” Montgomery County Community College. November 2001

“Creating a Culture of Peace,” Linus Pauling Memorial Conference, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C. October 1999

“Diversity and Conflict Resolution”, Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program, U.S. Information Agency (USIA), Washington, D.C. November 1998.

“Resolving Community Disputes”, 3-day training for anti-hunger leaders and managers of nonprofit agencies. Bread for the World. Washington, D.C. April 1998.

“Core Knowledge and Skills in the Field of Conflict Resolution”, a five-day training with Palestinian faculty members from Bethlehem University, with Dr. Christopher Mitchell of the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason Univ. Funding USIA. July 1996.

“Applying Conflict Resolution in Your Community,” Physicians for a Violence-Free Society, Washington, D.C. March 1996.

"A Post-Cold War Peace Agenda for U.S. Foreign Policy", International Studies Association Makuhari, JAPAN. Lectures also at Institute of Social Sciences, Chuo University. Fall 1996.

“Campus Dialogues on Race and Reconciliation,” a series involving student leaders from 12 universities in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. Held at GW, Howard, and Trinity College. Spring 1996 and Fall 1995.

“Conflict Resolution and Utilizing the Peace Corps Experience in our Neighborhoods ” National Association of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Austin, TX. August 1995.

"Constructing a Peaceful World", The American University. Shared the podium with the Mayors of Nagasaki and Hiroshima on the occasion of 50th anniversary of the atomic bombings. July 1995.

"Structural Violence", National Council of Negro Women. June 1995.

"Family and Community Violence", Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Onset, Massachusetts. July 1995

"Multicultural Education in America", Wash Ctr. for Internships & Academic Seminars. May 1995.

"A Critique of Conflict Resolution", Tufts University. Peace Studies Association. March 1995.

“Resolving Racial Conflicts,” a training with top administrators for the State of Virginia, sponsored by the DeWitt-Wallace Reader’s Digest Collaborative Leaders Program. September 1994.

"Building a Peace Economy," Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio. October 1994.

“Responding to Neo-Nazi Violence in Germany”, Konigsfeld, GERMANY. Sponsored by The Foundation for Violence-Free Living. September 1994.

"The International Community and Civil Conflict", The World Bank. Wash, DC. September 1994.

“The Timber Crisis, Economic Transition, and Community Conflict,” Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon. October 1991. (Additional forums held at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, California and Seattle Community College, Washington).

“Real Security Training,” United Auto Workers, Local #600, Dearborn, Michigan. April 1989.

MEMBERSHIPS

Alliance for Peacebuilding

[American Association of University Women \(AAUW\)](#)

[Greenpeace, Sierra Club, Environmental Defense Fund](#)

Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA)

[National Park Conservancy,](#)

[Natural Resource Defense Council](#)

[Trust for Our Public Lands](#)

[Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America](#)

NAACP
Southern Poverty Law Center,
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)