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for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution

Orientation Session Welcomes New Class

A full cohort of 10 Rotary World Peace Fellows was formally welcomed to the Duke-UNC Rotary Center on August 17, during an annual orientation session. Each year board members and staff organize a comprehensive program over the course of a morning and afternoon to help familiarize the incoming class with the various issues involved in becoming a student again, settling into a smaller American city, and the general expectations for a Rotary World Peace Fellow.

Duke-UNC Rotary World Peace Fellows Class of 2008-2010

Divided into sessions covering academic components, the center handbook, and the Rotary Foundation, the orientation gives incoming fellows the opportunity to meet each other as well as other current and graduated fellows, ask questions, and become familiar with the way the joint Duke-UNC program works.

Following the day-long information session, a social reception with Fellows and their host counselors allowed everyone to get further acquainted in an informal setting.

If you know of a candidate for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship, or would like further information about the scholarship, application procedures, or requirements, please visit our website at rotarypeacecenternc.org.

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Marios Antoniou, Cypress, UNC, School of Education, Culture Curriculum and Change

Marios received a BA in the Science of Education from the University of Cyprus. Living on a divided island, in his teenage years, he developed an interest in exploring ethnically and historically created conflicts. His interest is reflected through his work in the area of NGO's, where he was trained and later worked as a trainer in peace building workshops. Recently, he has also worked as a communications and events officer at the Non Governmental Organizations Support Centre, on a USAID funded bi-communal peace building project on strengthening the Cyprus Civil Society. He has also worked in public elementary schools, educating tomorrow's generations towards peaceful co-existence. After obtaining his Masters degree, he plans to continue his studies at the PhD level in order to create a scheme through which conflict resolution and reconciliation, leading to co-existence, will be promoted through the formal education system in conflicted countries.

Sharif Azami, Afghanistan, Duke, Program in International Development Policy

Sharif has worked for the last seven years with humanitarian and development organizations in the most insecure areas of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India to build stability, promote peace, and implement development projects. During this time, he gained experience in project management, financial management, human resources management, logistics and supply management, grants and donor contract management, and project monitoring and evaluations. Most recently, he was employed as a project officer for Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) based in Kandahar, Afghanistan, providing full time project management support to CIDA reconstruction and development programs. He believes the Rotary World Peace Fellowship will allow him to pursue his life objectives of overcoming poverty and resolving conflicts through different development initiatives, practices, strategies, and policies.

Paolo Bocci, Italy, UNC, Department of Anthropology

After graduating with a degree in Philosophy in 2005, Paolo moved to New Zealand where he cultivated his interests in both Pacific natives and nature. There, he worked for GREENPEACE on the Wellington team. He has also been an intern at the OECD LEED for six months, where he focused on issues related to social exclusion and local development. During the last ten years, Paolo has been involved in several Italian and international NGOs in the field of immigration and development cooperation. At UNC, he will concentrate on the study of the effects of development cooperation projects on Third World cultures. His interest in the anthropology of development stems from his participation in many grassroots movements together with his experiences in Africa, Oceania and Asia. After he completes his studies, Paolo would like to continue to work in this area in a NGO or other international organization.

Louisa Dow, Australia, Duke, Program in International Development Policy

Louisa has worked in the community development sector in Australia since 2002, most recently managing communications for a coalition of nonprofit organizations. She has a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in International Relations from the Australian National University, one year of which was completed in Santiago, Chile. In 2005, Louisa's interest in post-conflict recuperation led her to Norway, where she studied peace building and conflict resolution at the University of Bodø, and to Cambodia, where she evaluated a Khmer Rouge Tribunals education project. As a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Louisa looks forward to deepening her understanding of peace and conflict. She plans to use this knowledge to develop and improve policies and projects that address inequity and discord in communities at risk.

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Danilo Estranero, Philippines, Duke, Program in International Development Policy

Danilo holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the Philippine Military Academy. Several years of exposure in conflict-affected areas validated the idea for Dani that a military solution alone will not solve armed conflicts. Following this conviction, after serving his tour of duty in Southern Philippines, he was assigned to the Philippine Army headquarters and then to the Doctrine Center of Training and Doctrine Command where he was in the best position to contribute to the improvement of Army systems and doctrines, and influence policy-making. His participation in the first session of the three-month Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand in 2006 inspired him to pursue further studies on peace and conflict resolution. Upon completion of the fellowship, he plans to be actively involved in the peace and development programs of the AFP's (Armed Forces of the Philippines) National Development Support Command as well as in the other development programs for the Philippines.

Dyah Kartikawening, Indonesia, UNC, Department of City and Regional Planning

While studying architecture in Indonesia, Dyah discovered her passion for social justice. She was drawn by the work of a priest and an architect who lived and worked in an inner city neighborhood. She saw up close that transformed lives and a peaceful community could be achieved by empowering the people. She then studied Community Planning at the University of Cincinnati and worked as a community organizer with a non-profit organization in Cincinnati. She provided a voice for inner-city neighborhoods in the decision-making processes of city government and public institutions . Upon the completion of the Rotary World Peace Program, Dyah plans to pursue her career in international economic development and humanitarian relief.

Vera Lalchevska, Macedonia, Duke, Program in International Development Policy

Vera is a political scientist concerned about poverty and the developing world. Her current focus is on the human and minority rights deficit in the European Union. Vera's last position was Deputy National Coordinator of the International Organisation of the Francophonie in the Republic of Macedonia, where she represented her country in summits and conferences, promoting democracy, development, and the use of the French language. Before this, as a graduate in European Law and Economics from the University of Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne, she worked in the Macedonian Government on the European Union Integration Process, on issues such as harmonizing laws in the fields of education, culture, information society, and broadcasting. Upon completion of the Rotary World Peace Program, Vera plans to apply her knowledge and skills working either locally in Macedonia or on the policy side in UNDP, the World Bank or another organization that has wider impact and world-wide coverage.

Darshan Mundada, UNC, School of Social Work

Prior to earning a Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering, Darshan started an NGO at the age of 16, called Friends' Society, which works in various spheres of social welfare and youth development. He has also worked as a volunteer with the UNESCO Chair for Asia Pacific since the age of 14. Presently on the eight member Advisory Committee of UNESCO Youth Forum, Paris, representing NGOs and UNESCO Chairs the world over, he is also the Secretary General of the Youth Forum of UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace & Tolerance, (Asia Pacific). After completing his Fellowship, Darshan wishes to work on grass roots social welfare in order to enhance the basic life of the under served by reaching out to the masses. He is also interested in interlinking of ideas globally to work on developing policies based on grass roots impact, and hopes to work for the UN to study the impact of such policies before working in developing countries.

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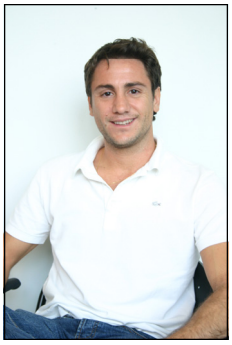


Leandro Ragone, Duke, Program in International Development Policy

After studying international relations at the University of Salvador with a focus on tolerance, equity, and respect, Leandro accepted an assistant teaching position with the university's Economics Department. Leandro became interested in the importance of commodities on a global scale and how international commerce works as a result of his work with Arcor Group as an Agro-Industrial Sales Analyst, managing the exportations of maize and sorghum in its four production branches located in different cities of the country, and Cremer y Asociados S.A., where he managed the exports of soybeans and popcorn. He is seeking the knowledge required to be a leader for peace and to help those countries with high poverty rates and improper nourishment. Upon completion of the Rotary World Peace Program, he plans to apply his skills at the World Bank or a similar organization where he can focus on poverty alleviation, educational support, and the promotion of tolerance and cooperation among countries.

Dongju Yu, Korea, Duke, Program in International Development Policy

Dongju has an academic background in Political Science and Diplomacy. He began his career working as a department head with the Korea-China Culture & Youth Association (Futureforest), an environmental NGO, taking responsibility for projects on combating desertification in North East Asia and cultural exchange of youth. Through the Korea International Cooperation Agency, a Korean governmental agency for grant aid programs, he was dispatched to Mongolia where he was able to renew his passion for working in the field of environment and sustainable development. He participated in the Improvement of Maternal and Child Health and Reforestation and Recovery of Devastated Areas projects. He has also conducted research on water policy and management in Mongolia, integrating comparative analysis and recommendations for future policy. Following his time in Mongolia, he worked in Bangkok, Thailand as a development fellow of The Asian Foundation. Upon completion of the Rotary World Peace program, he hopes to commit himself to economic and social development, with an emphasis on environmental considerations.

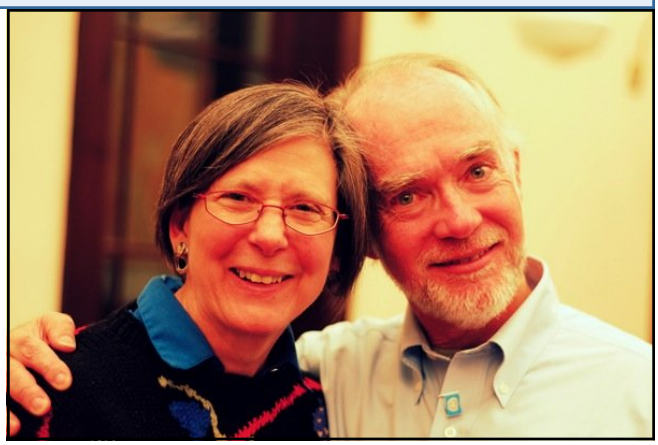
Rotary Center News and Events

Rotary Fellows benefited from an evening seminar with Fiona Terry in September. Terry has spent most of the past 15 years involved in humanitarian relief operations in different parts of the world, including in Northern Iraq, Somalia, the Great Lakes region of Africa, Liberia, and along the Sino-Korean border. She is the author of *Condemned to Repeat? The Paradox of Humanitarian Action* (2002). Much of the discussion focused on ethical considerations – how to do as much good as possible while doing as little harm as possible.

In October, the Rotary Fellows continued to assist with the MacArthur Grant-winning Virtual Heroes project by testing the simulation program in a computer lab at Duke. Each fellow was assigned a role to play in the recreation of Hurricane Mitch, using headphones and the new computer software to practice real-life strategies to produce the best possible response to a natural disaster. The resulting software will be distributed to disaster relief organizations to provide training for aid workers.

Rotary Center Core Faculty Member Terry Barnett

During his time working on Capitol Hill, Terry Barnett noticed that nearly every interaction he observed required some form of negotiation. He also noticed that not everyone possessed the same level of skill to negotiate effectively, so he began to focus on the specifics of productive negotiation. After partnering with colleagues from Harvard University, he founded Conflict Management, Inc. and Conflict Management Group in 1984.



Virginia Carson and Terry Barnett

Terry and his wife, Virginia Carson, who announced her retirement as Director of the UNC Campus Y at the conclusion of this academic year, moved to Chapel Hill and became neighbors with Duke-UNC Rotary Center co-director Jim Peacock. This selection of real estate earned the Rotary Center a natural choice to teach International Conflict Negotiation, Mediation and Resolution as it prepared for the first class of Rotary World Peace Fellows in 2001.

Terry, who will take a sabbatical from teaching next year, appreciates the environment the structure of his course has created during the seven semesters he taught it. With equal numbers of first year Rotary fellows and other participants (who have included undergraduates and other UNC professors) enrolled in the class, he feels that an atmosphere supportive of creative learning experiences is built. Students learn that a strong relationship network facilitates the negotiation process, in the classroom as well as in real world experiences. “The course talks about the need to develop relationships in order to see people as individuals,” said Terry.

> Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict.
>
> Dorothy Thompson

Duke-UNC Rotary World Peace Center Website

Please visit our website, www.rotarypeacecenternc.org, which contains information about the program, links to various university sites, biographical information for fellows, as well as numerous photos.

Summer Internships

Ruben Gonzalez conducted his Applied Field Experience in Ghana with the Youth Harvest Foundation, where he assisted in the development of a socioeconomic study on the environmental impacts of charcoal production by local communities living along the Zongoire forest reserve and recommend alternatives livelihood program for the local communities. He accomplished this assessment through a series of workshops, meetings, interviews, and surveys. He also worked on an institutional strengthening analysis with the focus on the policy environment within which YHFG is operating as an NGO,

Selected for the Duke-Geneva Program on Global Policy and Governance, ***Katia Dantas*** had the opportunity to attend an intense weeklong course on Humanitarian Assistance & Human Rights while working for the International Organization for Migration on the linkages between HIV and mobility. During her summer experience, Katia revised IOM's contribution to the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) guidelines for HIV mainstreaming in Emergencies, and developed IOM's Guidelines for HIV Mainstreaming in Shelter & Camp Coordination/Camp Management, for distribution to IOM field missions and collaborating field partners. More importantly, she also had the opportunity to initiate a proposal for a multi-country study to be carried out by IOM, in partnership with the Overseas Development Institute, to cite the circumstances of several undocumented immigrants in emergency situations, assessing their vulnerability to HIV infection, and providing recommendations. The proposal was partially approved by UNAIDS for limited funding, and Katia has been actively working with IOM on revising and adjusting the project proposal, while seeking further funding sources for this endeavor.

Will Mendoza worked during his applied field experience at Duke University for the project "Virtual Peace: Turning Swords into Ploughshares," which had won a MacArthur Foundation grant and had been developed by a team of people from Duke University, the Rotary Peace Center, and Virtual Heroes (www.virtualpeace.org). During the spring semester, he worked on the team that developed the script for the scenario, which used the conditions during Hurricane Mitch as the disaster simulation. For the AFE, he continued his work as part of this team to finish that scenario along with the entire script that would be used for the training simulation and served as Program Manager, coordinating efforts with Virtual Heroes.

During his summer internship with the European Union Delegation to Vietnam, ***Mattias Lindström*** worked at the department of development and cooperation. Mattias supported the work on aid effectiveness (as outlined in the Paris declaration) in Vietnam in areas such as donor harmonization and alignment with government policies. He also worked toward the improvement of monitoring and evaluation efforts regarding the various projects that the EU Delegation carries out with the Vietnamese government and non-profit organizations.

Summer Internships

Pia Simonsen traveled to Geneva to work with the International Labor Organization (ILO) in the Crisis Response and Reconstruction Unit (ILO/CRISIS) to fulfill her AFE requirement. While there, she assisted with armed conflict related subjects, in particular, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) of ex-combatants, including secretariat work for the ILO/UNDP Partnership meetings and InterAgency Working Group on DDR, and aided the CRISIS team develop and finalize training materials and publications. She also conducted background research and development of training materials on the issues of post-conflict business environment, as well as provide other technical support for a new working group on post-conflict business environments as needed. Pia was able to focus on economic recovery in post-conflict countries and particularly on DDR, which is a first step in the transition from war to peace.

During the summer, ***Zumrat Salmorbekova*** interned with the Conflict Management, Mitigation and Reconciliation Unit of the International Development Group at the Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina. Throughout the internship, Zumrat engaged in a wide range of activities such as conducting research and analysis on sector-specific issues on various conflict and post-conflict countries, gathering information on best practices in the field of peace building and conflict prevention, and reviewing and analyzing activities of other international development organizations in unstable regions. She was also involved in designing a program oriented toward youth engagement in conflict zones. As a result of the internship, Zumrat gained practical skills and was able to link theoretical knowledge with the practices of international organizations in conflict management and peace building. She also strengthened her knowledge through practical use of analytical frameworks and tools for conflict analysis and program design.

For her AFE, ***SangHee Jeong*** chose Geneva to experience the center of international policy making. During her internship with South Centre, an inter-governmental think tank research institute for developing countries, she worked on the linkage between climate change and international trade policies, investigating how the global climate change regime affects the international trade and domestic policies of individual countries. She also researched the effectiveness of Global Environmental Facility (GEF) adaptation fund to see if the GEF is truly facilitating developing countries to address the challenges posed by climate change. Her analytical note on GEF effectiveness was sent to G77 developing country governments, aiming to assist them in formulating strategies in future climate change negotiations at UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

During her summer AFE as a researcher in the Department of Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) at the World Health Organization (WHO), ***Jane Welsh*** worked on a review of current knowledge on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in relation to psychological consequences of the practice. FGM comprises all procedures involving partial or total removal of the female external genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. Jane's research work involved conducting a large-scale literature review and the production of a background paper for an upcoming meeting with African and European researchers and psychologists working on this under-researched issue. Jane also conducted a review of literature on legal measures against FGM that included collating a wide range of literature.

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Where there is war

Understanding

Where there is disharmony

Food Security

Where there is hunger

Health Care

Where there is disease

Education

Where there is illiteracy

Conservation

Where there is environmental degradation

Sustainable Economic Development

Where there is poverty

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The Duke-UNC Rotary Center is a partnership between Duke's Center for International Development (DCID), UNC's Center for Global Initiatives, and the Rotary Foundation. In its seventh year of operation, the center is headed by co-directors Francis Lethem at Duke, James Peacock at UNC, and the Program Coordinator, Susan Carroll.

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