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Graduating Fellows Share Research and Experience while “Building Bridges for Peace”



Photo by Leslie Anderson

Eight graduating fellows hosted 180 Rotarians, faculty, staff, students, and local participants on April 4, 2009, as they discussed a variety of issues affecting peace around the world. Following the theme “Building Bridges for Peace,” they presented their research and masters projects on topics including acid attack violence, self-evaluation tools for NGO’s, participatory approaches in post-conflict countries, geopolitical interests in military interventions, management systems, climate change for small islands, local immigrant issues, and xenophobia and violence against migrants.

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Duke-UNC Well Represented at Birmingham Symposium

The second Rotary World Peace Symposium was held in Birmingham, England in June. The two-day conference examined the nature of the peace challenge, and what Rotary can do and has done about it through the eyes of activists, leaders, and peace fellows. The Duke-UNC Center had 19 participants and was represented on 6 of 9 panels. Three were panel moderators and four current fellows and alumni were panel speakers. Participants had the opportunity to listen to an array of internationally-known peace advocates and humanitarian experts



Dani Estranero, above, behind Archbishop Tutu

including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Paul Rogers and Jan Egeland.

Welcome Class of 2009-2011



Duke, MIDP: As a career multilateral economic officer and diplomat, **Aldo Peretto** has participated in several policy formulation processes at the national level as well as related multi-

lateral negotiations, aimed at the fulfillment of policy development objectives of his home country, **Venezuela**. Having had the opportunity of translating public policy needs into the language of trade negotiators, he understands that the challenges of a successful development program go beyond consensus building of the main economic actors concerned and national ownership. Such negotiations include, among other things, better development and poverty eradication indicators and the need of multilateral economic rules and disciplines more responsive to legitimate development goals. Bearing in mind that development policies could take place in a violent and polarized economic and social environment, particularly in developing countries, he hopes to contribute to the improvement of policy formulation processes in Venezuela and facilitate a better interplay between legitimate development goals of developing countries and the relevant multilateral economic rules and disciplines.



UNC, Russian and East European Studies: After graduating from university, **Gozel Arazmedova's** interest in assisting those in need began when she accepted a

position with the American Red Cross in **Turkmenistan**. She gained real life experiences during her time with the Red Cross as head of food distribution for tuberculosis patients in Turkmenistan,

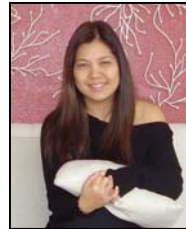
and more importantly to her personally, through her experiences educating citizens about proper diets and precautionary measures preventing the spread of tuberculosis. In 2002, she began working for the U.S. Embassy as a consular assistant, giving Gozel an opportunity to assist both Turkmen and U.S. citizens in issues ranging from simple travel questions to complex legal issues involving American citizens abroad. Now she is prepared to pursue her plans of working in the field of improving women's rights in Turkmenistan. Upon completion of the Rotary Peace Program, Gozel intends to return to Turkmenistan in order to address and improve women's rights and equality.



Duke, MIDP: Born and raised in **Burma**, one of the more politically contentious areas of Asia, **Aung Aung** experienced several

political crises throughout his life that encouraged him to find ways to promote greater tolerance and cooperation among people in Burma. After receiving his Master's in International Relations and Political Economy at KDI School of Public Policy and Management in Seoul, South Korea in 2006, he officially resigned from Government Service and decided to pursue his dream of doing something innovative and more socially useful. Subsequently, he joined Save the Children, one of the largest international organizations in Burma, and played an active role in representation and liaising with local authorities, other NGOs and UN agencies. As a Rotary World Peace Fellow, he plans to develop skills in peace and conflict resolution and in world understanding to improve the relationship between Burma and inter-

national communities. After his studies, he intends to join one of the international organizations in Burma or the UN to become a valued practitioner in the field of international development.



UNC, Political Science: **Karina Ito** graduated in Law, specializing in Human Rights and International Law. Her work as a legal English teacher at Cultura In-

glesa (sponsored by the British Council) involved preparing students for the International Legal English Certificate issued by the University of Cambridge as well as discussing methods of applicability of human rights in **Brazil**. She has also worked as a volunteer at Viver NGO, a member of the Ronald McDonald's Foundation, which provides food, medical care, dental care, socialization, employment opportunities, psychological aid and scholarships to hundreds of underprivileged children with cancer in the State of Parana. She was responsible for the implementation of the scholarship program and the campaign of bone marrow donation. Upon completion of the Rotary Peace Fellowship program, she wishes to work for the United Nations, UNICEF or UNESCO for the improvement of living standards and human rights of children worldwide.



Duke, MIDP: **Pálina Mattiasdottir's** interest in development issues was sparked at a young age when she traveled extensively around Asia and Africa. While

there, she was taken by the injustice and imbalance of the world, knowing that there must be many possibilities to improve this situation. Due to her interest in the developing world, Pálina lived in China and later did a research internship with the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh as a part of her International Business education. In **Iceland**, Pálina was active in numerous roles within organizations promoting civil society, such as the Icelandic Red Cross Youth movement where she is currently elected President. Most of her work was in the area of youth interests and human rights, especially in relation to immigrants and refugees. Upon completion of the Rotary World Peace program, Pálina will pursue a career within humanitarian and international organizations, where she can work towards social development and poverty reduction in the world.

macy, by joining an international organization or an NGO.



UNC, City and Regional Planning: Anabella Palacios' interest in world peace and international understanding began when she became a Youth Exchange Student with Rotary from **Argentina** to study one year during high school in Istanbul, Turkey. This experience allowed her to observe democracy promotion and experience the reality of a cross-cultural country enhancing pluralism and social inclusion. After completing that program, she began her undergraduate studies in International Relations, which included the opportunity to study in Tokyo. Encouraged by a major Argentinean economic and social crisis during this time, she felt the need to learn ways to improve development and enhance the abilities of disadvantaged communities to surpass abject poverty. She was also a volunteer heading rural development projects to strengthen the quality of life for local communities in housing, health and poverty alleviation. Most of her working experience has been in international cooperation, issues of social responsibility, and sustainable development initiatives along with community development programs. As a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Anabella hopes to deepen her knowledge of planning and economic development issues. After completing her fellowship, she wishes to work with current development policies to improve social capacity and opportunity to overcome poverty.

French, Spanish and International Relations) and a Sociology degree with Honors. After graduation, she participated in a tolerance education program in Poland, interned with the Australian Mission to the UN in New York, and worked as a research assistant for International Crisis Group in Brussels and Nepal before commencing work with the United Nations. Luisa worked as a Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist in remote communities in Nepal with UNFPA before joining the United Nations Mission in Nepal's Office of Civil Affairs to monitor Nepal's fledgling peace process. In 2008, Luisa returned to **Australia** to lead Australian Red Cross Queensland's International Programmes department, before taking up her Rotary fellowship at the University of North Carolina. In the future, Luisa hopes to continue her humanitarian efforts with organizations such as the United Nations.



UNC, Russian and East European Studies: Manuela Mot has extensive experience combining both theory and practice in communication, foreign politics, and national security issues. As a former journalist, she closely followed **Romania's** foreign policy in its bid for NATO and EU membership by preparing reports from major international events. She was the editor of the European Affairs Weekly of the Ministry of European Integration and has been involved in several communication projects aimed to increase the awareness on the rights, responsibilities, and obligations of EU citizens after the country's accession. Her most recent position in the private sector as a PR specialist enabled her to become involved in major PR and Communication and Corporate Affairs projects. Also, she has actively supported major cultural events. Manuela's future projects include pursuing an international career in foreign politics and diplo-



Duke, MDP: Chad Shipmaker attended the University of Victoria, **Canada**, where he earned a double major in Political Science and History. He has served in Africa as a JPO with the African Commission for Human Rights (ACHPR) and worked with the United Nations as the Special Assistant to the Resident Coordinator for the UN System in The Gambia. More recently, Chad has worked in Canada, overseeing a CIDA International Youth Internship Program at Okanagan College, as well as working as a financial planner in the private sector. After his studies at Duke, Chad would like to work with an organization pursuing innovative models of international development assistance.

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UNC, Journalism and Mass Communication: Luisa Ryan graduated from the University of Queensland in 2003 with an Arts degree (Majors in



Applied Field Experience 2009

Dyah Kartikawening, UNC:

Dyah interned with the International Labour Organization, International Programme in the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC), in Geneva, Switzerland. She worked on indicator guidelines for household-based surveys for ILO-IPEC 50 member countries. While in Geneva, she also worked with the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, in the Advocacy Department, where she researched water supply and sanitation policies for 10 member countries in Asia.



Leandro Ragone, Duke: Leo interned at the United Nations Development Program in Aid Effectiveness as a South Cooperation Research and Communications Intern, under the Bureau of Capacity Development in Panama. He worked with four key results areas involving capacity, including aid effectiveness, the role played by international organizations, the aid effectiveness team worldwide to update the aideffectiveness.org webpage, especially finding relevant documents related to Latin America and the Caribbean, and preparing reports with results of such work.

Sharif Azami, Duke: As part of the Humanitarian Policy Team at Oxfam America, Sharif experienced a very interesting and challenging appointment, seeking to understand the central processes of policy and decision making after seven years of field work. Immediately after joining the office, he was assigned to undertake extensive research on the Sri Lankan conflict between the Liberation Army of Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankan Government and to monitor the resulting internally displaced people (IDP) crises. He also performed research and policy work on Pakistan's IDP crises, the conflict in Swaat, Afghanistan aid effective-

ness and development issues, and issues in the Horn of Africa (Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya). He drafted policy briefs for Afghanistan and the horn of Africa, and reviewed briefings notes for Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Louisa Dow, Duke: Louisa was based in Habitat for Humanity International's Latin America and the Caribbean Area Office in Costa Rica. She redeveloped and wrote a peace and reconciliation-focused project proposal for Habitat for Humanity Colombia, and designed and executed a comprehensive analysis of Habitat's involvement with coalitions and partnerships for housing policy reform.

Darshan Mundada, UNC: Darshan undertook a two part internship, working both at the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh and the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) in India. At the Grammen Bank, he observed the functioning of not only the Gramen Bank and the micro-credit model, but also of the various other organizations under the umbrella, such as Grameen-Dannone, a social business enterprise promoted by Dannone, France. The CTA, formerly known as as Tibetan Government in Exile, employed him to analyze and create a timeline of Tibetan-UN relations from the 1900s till the 1990s.



Danilo Estranero, Duke: To fulfill his field experience requirement, Dani worked in New York with the Phillipine Mission to the UN. While there, he assisted with the realization of a 35% increase in Philippine troop contribution to UN peacekeeping missions in 2009, and became the acting military advisor to the Mission. He assisted in planning several visits of the Philippine delegation around the world, and conducted research and advised on issues related to peacekeeping operations.

Dong Ju Yu, Duke: Working in Bangkok, Thailand, with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Dongju was assigned to carry out research on the methodology and current status of CDM projects in the afforestation and reforestation sector,

analyze eco-efficiency related trends in North-East Asian countries, and compile regional activities on climate change of UN agencies in Asia and the Pacific. He made significant contributions to the 4th Policy Consultation Forum of Seoul Initiative Network (SINGG) on

Green Growth: promotion green industry for green growth, and the South-East Asia Regional Workshop on Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) organized by UNESCAP. He had also an opportunity to attend the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Meeting of Regional Implementation Annex of Asia.



Marios Antoniou, UNC: In a three stage internship between Cyprus and Budapest, Marios devoted his time to research the effects and outcomes of a new educational reform initiative by the ministry of education in Cyprus that aims to promote “understanding of the other” and “peace through collaboration” on the divided island. After assessing the methods of this effort’s implementation in Cyprus, he went to Budapest where he worked at the Council of Europe’s Youth Center, particularly on human rights education manuals for educators. Upon returning to Cyprus, he concluded his research and presented and explained how the inclusion and use of these human rights education manuals in the formal education system will support the goals of this Cyprus wide educational reform.

Paolo Bocci , UNC: Paolo Bocci worked with an NGO in Senegal, West Africa, in a multi-actor project of articulation between Western and local medical systems. In the context of the evaluation of the three-year project implementation in Mali and Senegal, Paolo independently drafted and conducted field research. That report has been included in the final evaluation of the NGO.



Vera Lalchevska, Duke: Vera Lalchevska interned for the United Nations Children's Fund Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe



and the Commonwealth of Independent States in Geneva, Switzerland. Her task was to review the status of Independent National Human Rights Institutions in the Balkans and determine how effectively they promote and protect children’s rights, as enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Following a review of the situation of these institutions, she developed a country-level matrix for monitoring the progress of these types of institutions and produced an analytical synthesis of the situation in each country with recommendations for next steps in the region.

Rotary Center Events

Presenter Ellen Hemphill, of the Duke Theater Arts Department, conducted a half-day session on presentation skills in January. Along with several general techniques to improve speaking skills, Ellen also worked with each fellow as they introduced themselves, providing helpful suggestions for increasing the strength of the individual's personal presentation and ability to project their voice with confidence.

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Bruce Jentleson, an expert on foreign policy and Professor of Public Policy and Political Science at Duke University, spoke to Rotary Fellows in February on a variety of issues involving the Obama administration and the strategies it might employ on foreign affairs. He proposed that development should be viewed as an integrated and long-term goal in many policy terms, and that the United States will have to be part of a larger-scale global effort with other countries and institutions coming together. He suggested that the US can play a role in international policies as a moral leader, which he defines as being true to the values the government says it believes in.

Andy Reynolds, Associate Professor of Political Science, discussed his work in the field of democratization, constitutional design and electoral politics with fellows in March. Beginning his discussion with a description of his broad definition of democracy as a form of government that can effectively govern and is beneficial to all citizens, he further explored the issues of democratization with a comparative metaphor in which he likens countries to medical patients. In his analogy, some countries are more in need of attention than others, and the same "medicine" that works for one might not work on another.

Ambassador Ronald Neumann (retired), who most recently served as the US ambassador to Afghanistan from 2005-2007, delivered a public lecture in November entitled "Afghanistan deteriorating: Need the US stay? How will success be defined?" at UNC, followed by a private dinner and conversation with Rotary fellows. During his talk, he discussed the intricate networks operating within Afghanistan and described the complexities involved in forging relationships within the country.

Jurg Steiner, Professor of Political Science returned to service at the Rotary Center in November with a seminar entitled "Deliberation in deeply divided societies." Using a case study from Colombia, written by graduated Rotary Peace Fellows Maria Clara Jaramillion (class 1) and Juan Ugarizza (class 4) with whom Dr Steiner has been working during their PhD studies, fellows examined the process of deliberation among opposing parties in conflict resolution.



In commemoration of the International Day of Peace on September 21, Rotary Fellows collected food and volunteered in the Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina warehouse, joined by Rotarian and host counselor Mary Depeuw Kamm .

Fiona Terry leads video-conferenced seminar

Rotary Fellows from three different centers benefitted from an evening seminar with Fiona Terry on September 28, 2009. 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 spent the fall 2009 semester as Practitioner-In-Residence at Duke's Kenan Institute for Ethics. The author of *Condemned to Repeat? The Paradox of Humanitarian Action* (2002) shared her experiences working with several humanitarian aid organizations. Much of the discussion focused on ethical considerations and issues involved with working in local cultures— how to do as much good as possible while doing as little harm as possible.

Using video-conferencing technology, Terry's talk included Rotary Peace Fellows in Bradford and Queensland, along with Rotary Foundation staff in Evanston. Using a question and answer format, fellows in the three countries furthered discussions about the rigors and challenges of living and working in the field, asking questions across three time zones.

More Spring Conference Photos



Video clips of conference presentations are available on the Duke-UNC Rotary Center website: RotaryPeaceCenterNC.org

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*Working Toward...**Mediation,
Conflict Resolution
and Peace**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*

The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution offer individuals committed to peace and cooperation the opportunity to pursue a two-year master's-level degree in areas related to international studies, peace studies and conflict resolution through one of the six Rotary Centers.

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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