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Eighth Annual Spring Conference “Imagining Peace” - April 9, 2011

On April 9, 2011, nine graduating fellows hosted more than 200 Rotarians, faculty, staff, students, and local participants as they presented their research on a wide range of issues. A complete listing of topics can be found on page 2 along with video links to each presentation. A link to all presentations including Q & A sessions, introduction and closing remarks can be accessed via our website. Over lunch participants shared their thoughts on “imagining peace” and posted them on two big boards. We will quote some of these remarks throughout this newsletter.

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Duke-UNC Graduating Class 2009 – 2011

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Improving cooperatives to mitigate violence in Venezuela

Presenter: Aldo Perfetto Alexandrow, Venezuela

[Link to Presentation](#)



Women and Girls in Post-Soviet Tajikistan: understanding the Challenges of Girl's education.

Presenter: Gozel Arazmedova, Turkmenistan

[Link to Presentation](#)



The challenge of resettling Burmese (Myanmar) refugees returning to their country

Presenter: Aung Aung, Myanmar



The political power of the Inter-American Court of human rights

Presenter: Karina Ito, Brazil

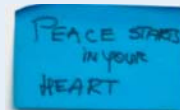
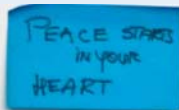
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Youths as agents of change in post-conflict countries: the case of Sierra Leone

Presenter: Pálína Björk Matthíasdóttir, Iceland

[Link to Presentation](#)





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Kazakhstan and the 2010 chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe—A progress toward democracy?

Presenter: Manuela Mot, Romania [Link to Presentation](#)



Green Economy: Promoting Human Development and Building New Allies

Presenter: Anabella Palacios, Argentina [Link to Presentation](#)



The role of media in post-conflict Nepal

Presenter: Luisa Ryan, Australia [Link to Presentation](#)



Responding to the global food crisis

Presenter: Chad Shipmaker, Canada [Link to Presentation](#)



Rotary Peace Center Events

Annual Professional Development Trip to Washington, DC, January 9-11, 2011

Class IX and a few Class VIII Rotary Peace Fellows at the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center visited Washington, DC for their annual professional development trip. During the visit, fellows attended informational meetings with representatives from numerous NGOs and international organizations. The trip began with a half-day of sessions at the World Bank. Fellows had various options to choose from, including a session on Parliamentary Strengthening led by Class I alumnus Mitch O'Brien, followed by a meeting with two staff from the Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries Group. Monday afternoon, Fellows had the opportunity to participate in two separate organizational visits. Among the options were visits to the Pan-American Development Foundation, Search for Common Ground, Refugees International and ActionAid USA. The second day included two sessions of concurrent panels on the themes of Social Policy, Economics/Finance, Development Management, and Peace & Conflict Resolution. The P&CR panelists came from the Research Triangle Institute (Transitional States Unit), Mercy Corps, Freedom House and the Open Society Foundation. This

annual trip is an important step in the Fellows' search for their Applied Field Experience as well as future employment.

We were also fortunate to have a lunch discussion with Craig Zelizer, Associate Director of the Conflict Resolution Program at Georgetown University, founder of the Peace and Collaborative Development Network, and a co-author of the USIP special report on "Graduate Education and Professional Practice in International Peace and Conflict."

Presentation Skills workshop with Vivian Mott, February 12, 2011

RI Past District Governor Vivian Mott, met with Class VIII fellows on Saturday, February 12th for a session on professional presentation strategies and PowerPoint techniques. This included a working lunch on site and practice sessions. The agenda included

- Powerful Public Speakers— Tips and Pitfalls
- Effective Presentation Strategies
- Powerpoint Techniques



Vivian Mott and Class 8

Dinner with Fredrik Stanton, February 22, 2011

Fredrik Stanton is the author of *Great Negotiations: Agreements that Changed the Modern World.*,

Fredrik gave examples of successful negotiations and how words shape diplomacy and other high profile negotiations.

Fredrik Stanton is a John C. Whitehead Fellow of the Foreign Policy Association. He has appeared on C-Span's Washington Journal and Voice of America, and his writing has been published in the *Washington Post.com*, *Forbes.com*, *Politico*, the *Boston Herald* and the United Nations Association's *A Global Agenda*.

"To jaw-jaw is always better than to war-war." – Winston Churchill, White House, June 26, 1954.

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Breakfast with Africano Mande, SPLA colonel, on next steps in the peace process in Southern Sudan, March 31, 2011



Africano Mande was born in Maridi County, Western Equatoria State in South Sudan. He is an active duty Lt. Col. in the Sudan People's Liberation Army and he is among those who participated in the struggle for the independence of South Sudan (now the Republic of South Sudan - ROSS). He has just completed a Master Degree in National Security Studies with a focus on Defense Decision Making and Planning at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey thesis Research in Special Operations & Irregular Warfare California, where he also won an Award for excellence in thesis research in Special Operations & Irregular Warfare or Security, Stabilization, Transition and

In addition to the various Military trainings, Lt. Col. Africano Mande also holds a BA (Hons.) in International Relations from the United States International University - Africa. He attended other trainings to include trainings at the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria (South Africa), International Institute for Humanitarian Law in San Remo (Italy) and the University of Birmingham (UK).

Lt. Col. Mande served in various positions in the SPLA during the war days. Until recently, Lt. Col. Africano Mande has been the Head of the Department of Military Planning and Research at the SPLA GHQs, in Juba, South Sudan where he participated in the development of the transformation strategies and program for the SPLA.

Breakfast with Jesús Emilio Tuberquia, April 5, 2011

Colombian Community Leader Jesús Emilio Tuberquia spoke to fellows on the experience of the Nobel Peace Prize-nominated Peace Community of San José de Apartadó.

For the past five decades, a civil war has raged in Colombia, ensnaring innocent civilians into the middle of the violent conflict.

In 1997, 800 small farmers claimed their territory as a neutral civilian community and refused to cooperate with any armed group of any form (including military or police). Surviving threats, massacres, the disappearances of over 170 community members and food blockades perpetrated by various armed actors, the Peace Community of San José de Apartadó has succeeded in building a nonviolent community in resistance.

Jesús Emilio Tuberquia is one of the community's founding members and its current legal representative



Meet our faculty: Catherine Admay

Catherine Admay, J.D.

Catherine Admay teaches international law and related national law to both undergraduates and graduates, and is a member of the Faculty of the Duke Center for International Development (DCID) at the Sanford School of Public Policy. She serves as affiliate faculty to the Duke Global Health Institute. She earned her degrees at Yale College (A.B. Philosophy Honors) 1988 and Yale Law School (J.D.) 1992 and, thanks to a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, she attended the University of Strasbourg's Faculty of Law master's program in International Law (Droit International Public) 1987. Through the International Development Clinics she co-directed at NYU Law School (1993-96) and founded at Duke Law School (1996-2002), she and her graduate students have advised high-level policy makers on matters of law and politics. Professor Admay's current courses include: Human Rights and Conflict, Law and Development, International Law and Global Health, The Arts and Human Rights, Narratives of Development, and the Rotary Capstone, and she is currently developing a course on Legal Empowerment. With a grant from the Trent Foundation, Admay recently conducted on-site research at the South African Constitutional Court. She is exploring how ordinary people may come to trust and support governance institutions that in the past have betrayed them. Her focus is on the innovative ways in which judges, lawyers, and rights activists are going far beyond conventional legal discourse and, by deploying the languages of architecture, art, music and storytelling, helping to construct a multilayered and resilient constitutional culture.

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Rotary Capstone seminar:

Catherine Admay leads this seminar with the active participation of both Rotary Center directors and the assistant director. The seminar's overarching objective is to facilitate a process of self-knowledge and mutual engagement that will enable Rotary Fellows to articulate and develop their own leadership style, both for the very next stage in their professional development and in the years to come. Workshops held within the framework of the Capstone prepare students for the annual Peace Conference.

Human Rights and Conflict seminar:

This seminar prepares Rotary Fellows to work amongst practitioner groups that, in certain contexts, have competing views of the best way to promote human rights and prevent or transform conflict. In addition to learning the history and basic application of the human rights treaty law framework, Fellows become attuned to the concerns of humanitarian workers, conflict resolvers and human rights advocates as all three practitioner groups attempt to build peace.

Where are Class IX fellows doing their applied field experience this summer?



Eduardo: NPCA - National Parks Conservation Association (Knoxville, TN, and Washington,DC)

Misaki: UN Center for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Nairobi, Kenya

Priscilla: Universidad de la Tierra (Oaxaca, Mexico) Intercultural Dialogue Program and the Community Regeneration Program

Georgia: World Bank (Washington, DC)

Ali: Institute for War and Peace Reporting (Washington, DC).

Keren: The International Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, VA

June Ho: UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand

Roselyn: Care International, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

Ryan: The Water Institute at UNC (Nairobi & Mombasa, Kenya)

Rotary Peace Center News

Brown Bag Sessions with Rotary Fellows

Recently we introduced our so called "brown bag gatherings" at the Duke-UNC Rotary Center. The peace fellows take turns in talking about themselves in a more personal way than is possible in class. They may talk about how and where they grew up, their families, and their goals for the future.

New Rotary Center in Uppsala, Sweden

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees has selected Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden, to host a new Rotary Center for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

During their April meeting, the Trustees agreed to negotiate an agreement with Uppsala University to house the seventh Rotary Peace Center, which will join those in Asia, Australia, North America, South America, and the United Kingdom.

"We are excited about this new partnership with Uppsala University to take the Rotary Peace Centers program to the next level," says Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. "We are confident that our Rotary Peace Fellow alumni, actively engaged in peace-building and conflict prevention and resolution around the world, will agree that partnering with Uppsala University to host a Rotary Peace Center is a winning strategy."

Uppsala University has an established two-year master's program in peace and conflict studies and a research program led by a large, internationally recognized faculty. The Uppsala Conflict Data Program is a leader in the field and will provide future Rotary Peace Fellows with the opportunity to combine informed theory with data-driven field research. The university is home to the Dag Hammarskjöld Library for peace research.

The Trustees also approved an extension to the application deadline for Rotary Peace Fellowships starting in 2012. Candidates have until 15 August 2011 to apply. The first class of peace fellows at Uppsala will begin their studies in September 2012.

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, March 31st, 2012
Duke-UNC Rotary Center
Ninth Annual Spring
Conference
FedEx Global Education Center,
University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill, NC

Please visit our website at:

www.rotarypeacecenternc.org

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. The center is headed by co-directors Francis Lethem at Duke, James Peacock at UNC, and the Center Coordinator, Susan Carroll.

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