



# Rotary Center Review



The Newsletter of the Duke-UNC Rotary Center  
for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution



## Center Unveils New Website

The Duke-UNC Rotary Center is pleased to announce that we have launched our own website: [www.rotarypeacecenternc.org](http://www.rotarypeacecenternc.org). Designed by Rotary Center staff and developed by W3 Design International, the website will be a source of information about the Rotary World Peace Fellowship for potential applicants, Rotarians and the community. Study opportunities at both the University of North Carolina and Duke University will be detailed, as will the Duke-UNC Rotary Center curriculum and requirements. Visitors to the site will be able to read about current Rotary Fellows, and gain insight into future career possibilities by learning about Rotary Fellow alumni and where they are now working. The



website will include links to university departments and Rotary International, and will allow potential applicants to

download an application. The website is a "work in progress," and we welcome all comments and suggestions.

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## Peace Fellows Make Headlines

Class IV Peace Fellows at the Duke-UNC Rotary Center have been busy making headlines since their arrival in August. Juan Esteban Ugarriza, Martín Kunik and Stephanie Borsboom have all been highlighted in various publications over the last few months.

Juan received an award from the Inter-American

Press Association, in the category of "Infography." His article, published in the newspaper *El Colombiano*, was a two-page spread with color photographs, charts, maps and other graphics. The article covers European history from Alexander the Great through the present day establishment of the European Union. It is the first

time his newspaper (the second largest paper in Colombia) has won an award from this organization. Juan received the award in Indianapolis in October.

Martín was featured in an article in the October 2005 Latin American issue of *Rolling Stone*. The article is about the new face of poli-

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## Introducing Our 2005-2007 Fellows



### Stephanie Borsboom, Netherlands

As an undergraduate, Stephanie supervised the design and construction of a bridge in a remote area of Nepal. She completed her masters in Civil Engineering and in 2002 she formed the Dutch Dipjoti Nepal Foundation. After completing Duke's Program in International Development Policy, Stephanie hopes to work with international organizations to achieve developmental changes on a broader scale in third world countries.

### David Robert Chick, Australia

Currently enrolled at Duke's Program in International Development Policy, David worked as a member of the Australian Public Service in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, where he was a Senior Advisor in the National Security Division. Following his studies, David would like to work in policy development for countries in conflict, and assist in shaping public policy toward humanitarian standards.



### Matthew Ford, Australia

Matthew's varied background includes working with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at Australian National University, coaching gymnastics, and spending four years in Japan while teaching English and studying traditional martial arts. Following his studies in Political Science at UNC as a Peace Fellow, Matthew plans to work with an international organization in a policy role.

### Nidhi Khosla, India, District 3010

Prior to becoming a Peace Fellow, Nidhi was a program officer with ActionAid International-India where she worked on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and anti-trafficking. She is interested in working with NGOs to develop effective strategies for the prevention of HIV and to protect the rights of HIV affected people in developing countries. Nidhi is studying Maternal and Child Health at UNC's School of Public Health.



### Martín Kunik, Argentina, District 4820

Currently studying City and Regional Planning at UNC, Martín's interest is in resolving social problems, particularly those related to economic development, that contribute directly to conflict. He most recently worked with RHO Consultants, a company specializing in organizational change and development and served as coordinator of the Foreign Politics Commission for the Argentine Foundation for a Republic with Opportunities.

### Olga Nesterova, Kazakhstan

Her work as a Management Assistant and System Administrator for the Embassy gave Olga her first opportunity to travel overseas and inspired her interest in international relations and economic development. Following her studies in City and Regional Planning at UNC, Olga plans to dedicate her career to advancing change through economic development in Central Asia.



### Ana Salazar, Australia

Duke University, Program in International Development Policy

Ana's recent work with CARE International as a Specialist Consultant in Rural Development Training took her to El Salvador, where she had previously lived with her family until they were exiled in 1990. This experience and her father's work in empowering rural communities was the catalyst for Ana's interest in peace and conflict resolution. Ana is enrolled at Duke's Program in International Development Policy.



### Juan Esteban Ugarriza, Colombia, District 4280

Prior to commencing his studies in History at UNC as a Peace Fellow, Juan worked as an International Affairs Journalist for El Colombiano newspaper. In 2001, he was selected to work with the United Nations on the General Assembly sessions on Refugees and HIV/AIDS. Upon completion of the program, Juan hopes to work in international communications and conflict resolution.



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tics in Argentina, Martín's home country. For many Argentinians, there is such a strong association between political power and corruption that until recently, few young people were interested in public affairs. Along with several others, Martín was selected as an example of the new generation working to change the system and the image of politicians in his country. The writer observed the strength of Martín's convictions and how he valued the chance to make a difference, such as his experience working with the Ministry of the Interior while helping to bring running water to four hundred homes along the Río

Negro. According to Martín, direct contact with people of the countryside is essential to learning about their real needs. He also feels that in contemporary Argentinian politics teamwork is vital. Martín also shared that he was studying City and Regional Planning at UNC-Chapel Hill as a Rotary World Peace Fellow, and that he plans to apply his studies in a career working for the social and economic development of his country.

Stephanie has been featured regularly in the Rotary newsletter for the Netherlands, 'De Rotarian,' since she was awarded the Peace Fellowship. The first

article that featured Stephanie described how she was one of only sixty-seven fellows selected worldwide, and how the Maassluis Rotary Club was proud to sponsor her as a candidate because of its previous involvement with her work in Nepal. The district sponsored her second trip to Nepal in 2001 to work with Habitat for Humanity, and later raised most of the funds for several building projects under Stephanie's supervision, including a school and sanitary facilities. Stephanie also writes a regular column for 'De Rotarian' describing her experiences and studies at Duke as a Rotary World Peace Fellow.

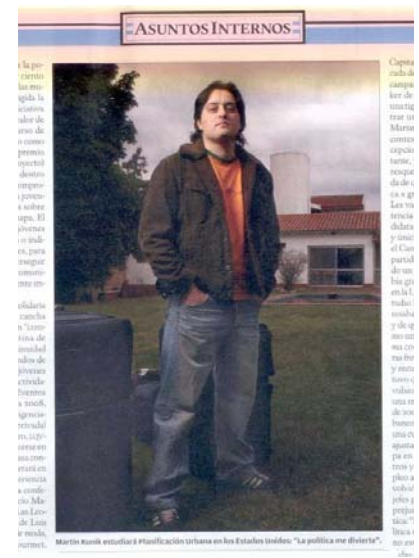
In addition to these accomplishments, Class I alumnus Mitchell O'Brien recently developed a working paper for the World Bank Institute entitled "Parliaments as peacebuilders: the role of parliaments in conflict-affected countries." The paper argues that one of the best tools a nation has at its disposal for managing conflict and poverty is parliament. In particular, the paper looks at participation and representation; parliamentary functions and oversight; the role of civil society and the media; the opposition; promoting socio-economic equality; rule of law; decentralization; and regional parliamentary peacebuilding.



Stephanie at work in Nepal



Juan at the IAPA awards in Indianapolis



Martín featured in Rolling Stone

## Speaking of Peace

The Rotary Center was privileged to host several distinguished speakers as part of its monthly seminar series in the fall. The seminars are designed to give fellows and community members a chance to interact with leading academics and practitioners involved in the work of building peace.

In September, Onno Ruhl of the World Bank spoke on "The Role of the World Bank in Post Conflict Environments: A Case Study of the Congo." He discussed the merits of an economic redevelopment plan that combines strategies for economic and institutional reconstruction. Examples

of the World Bank's reconstruction activities in the Congo included stabilization of the economy, debt relief, support for health and education, and rebuilding of roads and services, among other measures.

Paul Collier, former Director of the Development Research group at the World Bank, currently at Oxford University, also met with the fellows in September for a talk on the promotion of peace through development. He described two essential aspects of conflict prevention: ensuring that conflict doesn't happen in the first place, and prevention of conflict re-

occurrence.

The Rotary Center was also pleased to join the Society for International Development North Carolina Triangle Chapter in hosting Francis Deng, Director of Johns Hopkins Center for Displacement Studies, for a seminar in November on "Approaches and Obstacles to Peace and Development in Sudan." Deng spoke about the challenge of internally displaced persons, and that of national identity in the Sudan, his home country.

If you would like to be informed of upcoming seminars and peace-related events, please email [scarroll@duke.edu](mailto:scarroll@duke.edu).

*Mankind must remember that peace is not God's gift to his creatures; it is our gift to each other.*

— *Elie Wiesel*

*We must be the change we wish to see.*

— *Mahatma Gandhi*

## New Faces at the Rotary Center

The Duke-UNC Rotary Center is pleased to introduce two new team members starting in January 2006. Andrea Lu is leaving her position in order to spend more time with her daughter Elena, born on May 28, 2005. Terry Meyer has assumed the role of Program Assistant. Terry graduated from UNC with a

degree in Secondary English Education and is returning to the workforce after spending several years at home with her children. She is excited about working with a program that advocates peace, and looks forward to assisting with the planning of upcoming seminars and the spring conference. In addition, Emme

Glenn has joined the Center as an intern. Emme is an undergraduate student in Duke's Public Policy program. Her focus will include developing a database of experts and contacts in the wide range of fields encompassed by peace and conflict resolution, starting with the Triangle area.

## Peace Profiles – Highlighting Organizations and Resources for Peace

Each issue of the *Rotary Review* highlights organizations that have recently worked with the Rotary Center in our common goal for peace.

### The Center for Displacement Studies

at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies

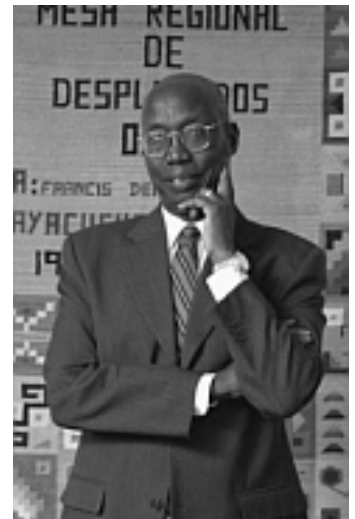
The Center for Displacement Studies is dedicated to studying the phenomenon of forced displacement and promoting more effective protection, assistance and solutions for the millions of displaced persons around the world. The Center is directed by Francis Deng, Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons from 1992 until 2004. Professor Deng's seminar at UNC on November 28<sup>th</sup>, "Approaches and Obstacles to Peace and Development in Sudan," was co-sponsored by the Duke-UNC Rotary Center and SID-NCT.

The main focus of the Center for Displacement Studies to date has been promoting and protecting the rights of people who are displaced within their own countries and who, unlike refugees, have no established system of international protection and assistance to which they can turn.

A joint Brookings-SAIS Project on Internal Displacement focuses on six main areas of work: awareness raising and advocacy; the development and promotion of a normative framework; the promotion of more effective institutional arrangements, at the international,

regional and national levels; country missions and dialogue with governments; partnerships and capacity-building with civil society and national human rights institutions; and policy-oriented research.

A number of other projects of the Center are concentrated on supporting the return, resettlement and reintegration of refugees and internally displaced persons as well as addressing the root causes of conflict, with a particular focus on the Sudan, which is the country with the greatest number of internally displaced persons worldwide. The Center also offers a



*Francis Deng,  
Director of the Center  
for Displacement Studies*

course at SAIS on the Global Crisis of Internal Displacement.

### Sign up now to be a 2006-08 Peace Fellow Host

Attention Rotarians in District 7710:

It's not too early to consider being a host for one of the fellows who will be starting classes in August 2006. We like to have hosts lined up ahead of time so you can start communicating with your Peace Fellow several weeks before he or she arrives in North Carolina.

This is an opportunity for you to be a part of the Rotary World Peace Program. And it's easy to do. Call (919-460-2612) or email (caallen@nc.rr.com) Carol Allen, Rotary Host Area Coordinator for more information.

## Alumni Update: Where Are They Now?

### Class of 2002-2004

**Pravin Dixit (India):** Coordinator of ITEC Team, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Mauritius

**Richard Gee (United Kingdom):** International Organization of Migration, advisor for Out of Country Voter Registration Program for Afghan Refugees based in Islamabad, Pakistan; three-month contract with possibility of extension.

**Bautista Logioco (Argentina):** Organization of American States - Program Officer, Special Area for the Promotion of Dialogue and Conflict Resolution

**Derran Moss (Australia):** Crime and Misconduct Commission, Research and Prevention - Senior Legal Advisor

**Mitch O'Brien (Australia):** Consultant with the World Bank, predominantly working in the areas of Parliaments, Conflict and Poverty and Parliament and the Media. Subject matter expert on a project with the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, researching constitution-building processes, particularly in post-conflict countries. Also a resident Research Fellow with the Democracy Coalition Project (DCP) in Washington, DC.

**Carmen Strigel (Germany):** Research Triangle Institute, North Carolina, USA

**Ena Sugiyama (Japan):** The Nippon Foundation

### Class of 2003-2005

**Shakeel Ahmed (Pakistan):** Working with the Executive Education Program at the Duke Center for International Development.

**Sebastian Lopez Azumendi (Argentina):** Consultant for the Modernization of the State and Civil Society Division with Inter-American Development Bank in Washington D.C. The division deals with issues related to State Reform and Civil Society such as public management, parliamentary reform, civil service and public participation in development projects.

**Mai Hosoi (Japan):** Junior Professional Officer with the International Organization on Migration in Khartoum, Sudan

**Rajiv Jalota (India):** Managing Director at State Industrial Investment Corporation of Maharashtra, Mumbai, India

**Yung Le Nietschke (Australia):** Project Manager at IDP Education, Canberra, Australia

**Diana Manevskaya (Belarus):** Consultant for the World Bank in Washington DC, USA

**Susan Stigant (Canada):** Working with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) with their Sudan program. Her specific task is to provide support to the constitutional technical committee and later to a constitutional convention. Afterwards she will support a civic education campaign on the constitution that will take information (primarily via radio) to be distributed throughout South Sudan.

## Class III in Their Final Semester

Class III fellows will be graduating in May. Here is an update on their summer internships and master's research.

**Mwila Chigaga (Duke):** Mwila worked on implementation of gender mainstreaming in development policies and programs in the Gender Unit of the International Labor Organization in Geneva. She also researched the social dimensions of globalization. Her thesis deals with the issue of gender mainstreaming in the Zambian HIV/AIDS strategic management plan.

**Jose Tenga (Duke):** Jose's Master's project will build upon his research completed during a summer internship at the World Bank, looking at issues of including local leadership in post-conflict reconstruction in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Specifically, the project will examine in detail the reasons for the lack of participation of local leaders in post-conflict nation building in these countries and propose recommended courses of corrective action. The project is addressed to The Director of The Public Sector Governance Group at The Bank. Jose hopes that the Group would include his recommendations in assisting the governments in Liberia and Sierra Leone to design more effective policies to promote their nation building efforts.

**Zazil Romero (Duke):** Zazil carried out her summer internship with the Organization of American States in Washington, DC and the Red Cross in Panama. She primarily conducted research on cases such as border conflict in Guatemala and Belize, current political instability in Nicaragua and presidential transition in Bolivia. Zazil's research project focuses on the invisible citizens of a region in Mexico, which live under extreme poverty and have very few opportunities for development. She hopes to find alternatives for sustainable development that are suitable for this population. Zazil recently spent two weeks in the region, gathering field data to support her research.

**Edem Effiong (UNC):** Edem's master's project is entitled "Perspectives in Female Genital Cutting: A Violation of Human Rights or an Expression of Sexuality?" Her poster on this issue was selected by the American Public Health Association to display at their annual meeting in Philadelphia in December 2005, for the session on International Human Rights.

**Tzu Han Huang (UNC):** Tzu Han worked with UNICEF in India last summer. Tzu Han conducted qualitative research on Polio Eradication Campaign in West Bengal, specifically looking at a small percentage of parents who refuse to give polio vaccines to their children and documenting the perceptions of this refusal from a broad range of sources. She interviewed villagers, community leaders, health workers and government officials to compile a report, a short documentary film and a Powerpoint presentation. Her current research topic is related to the evaluation of a micro-finance's program impact on its social objectives, i.e. gender equity and social inclusion in South Asia.

While at UNC, Tzu Han has been conducting a participatory action research on Burmese refugees' experiences of resettlement services in Carrboro and Chapel Hill. The project aims to empower participants to collectively define their problems, plan for and initiate community change. The findings also hope to benefit local social services providers in evaluating and enhancing their services to refugees.

**Hyunjoo Youn (UNC):** Hyunjoo interned for UNESCO in Bangkok, Thailand. Hyunjoo developed and improved a bioethics textbook, assisted the SHS unit's HR projects, and attended conferences and meetings on behalf of her unit. She also conducted institution visits to UN agencies to identify what types of works are being done to improve conditions of street children. Hyunjoo's master's research focuses on education policy in a unified Korea.

*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 University Center for International Studies (UCIS), and the Rotary Foundation. In its fourth year of operation, 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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**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, April 8, 2006

Duke-UNC Rotary Center Spring Conference  
Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University

**The Human Face of Conflict****Keynote Speaker: William Ascher**

Donald C. McKenna Professor of Government and Economics  
at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California  
Co-founder of the Duke-UNC Rotary Center