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## 4th Annual Spring Conference Successful

Rotary World Peace Fellows at Duke and UNC, having studied and carried out research around the globe and at their universities for two years, presented the culmination of their work to an audience concerned with the theme of the conference, "Challenges for Peace and Development in the 21st Century."

The Fourth Annual Spring Conference provided the opportunity to learn more about the program and the efforts of Rotary World Peace Fellows to attain the knowledge needed to foster a more peaceful global community.

Hosted on April 14 at Duke's Sanford Institute, the conference attracted an audience of Rotarians, students, and members of the community to hear the research of Fellows at the Duke-UNC Center, as well as two visiting

Fellows from the Berkeley program. Roland Bolado and Yvonne Wong, along with Berkeley Director Edwin Epstein, were an excellent addition to this year's conference. "The presenters all gave excellent, thought-provoking talks," commented an attendee about the ten Fellows, whose research titles are listed below.

Dr Inder Sud, Adjunct Professor of the Practice of Interna-

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Front row: Mayer Ngomesia, Isabelle Michaud-Letourneau, Ana Salazar, Shai Tamari, Olga Nesterova, Martin Kunik, Anna Schurmann, David Chick Back row: Jun Bas, Juan Ugarriza, Matt Ford, Nidhi Khosla, Stephanie Borsboom, Gohar Gyulumyan

tional Affairs at George Washington University and Former Director for the Middle East at the World Bank, delivered the keynote address entitled “Achieving Peace Through Prosperity: what is needed in the Middle East.”

At the conclusion of the day, another participant commented that the conference experience “reconfirms for me the value of the Rotary Center.”



Ed Epstein addressing the participants of the 4th Annual Duke-UNC conference. Ed retires this year after nearly 5 years of service as Director at the Berkeley Rotary Center.

## Presentation Titles:

- Afghanistan, Congo, and Colombia: Ideologies and Conflict in the Post-Cold War  
Presenter: Juan Esteban Ugarriza
- Africa: Using Information to Achieve Better Development Results  
Presenter: Matthew Ford
- Argentina: Crisis, Scavenger Cooperatives and How to Deal with Unemployment  
Presenter: Martin Kunik
- Bangladesh: HIV and Social Exclusion  
Presenter: Nidhi Khosla
- Community-Driven Development in Post-Conflict Situations  
Presenter: Ana Salazar
- Kazakhstan: Analyzing the Spillover Effect of the Regional Financial Center of Almaty  
Presenter: Olga Nesterova
- Nepal: Integration of Internally Displaced Persons  
Presenter: Stephanie Borsboom
- Timor-Leste: Using Australian Aid to Resolve Violent Conflict  
Presenter: David Chick
- Challenges in the Military’s Role During Peacekeeping Operations  
Presenter: Roland Bolado
- Sovereign Debts and the Odious Debts Doctrine  
Presenter: Yvonne Wong

## Rotary Fellow Facilitates Workshop



Juan Esteban Ugarriza, Ambassador B. Camilio Ospina, and Rotary Center faculty Terry Barnett

H.E. Camilio Ospina, Colombian Minister of Defense until 2006 and now head of the Colombian Mission to the Organization of American States, accepted an invitation extended by second year

Fellow Juan Ugarriza to come to North Carolina to give a speech on the current Colombian internal armed conflict. He also chaired a workshop which explored possible negotiated

solutions to this conflict.

His public talk raised awareness about one of the largest internally displaced people crisis in the world (second only to Sudan), and a deadly and protracted social armed conflict that has persisted for more than four decades.

The afternoon, closed-door workshop session created a unique opportunity to gather experts in the area of conflict resolution as well as academic experts from the region, together with Ambassador Ospina to discuss the Colombian conflict. Facilitated by Juan using the tools and techniques he learned through his studies in peace and conflict resolution with the Duke-UNC Center, this session provided the participating Fellows a valuable real-life experience on negotiation and peace-making.

*Don't let complexity stop you. Be activists. Take on the big inequities. It will be one of the great experiences of your lives.*

*Bill Gates, Harvard commencement speech, 2007*



## Rotary World Peace Symposium Held in Salt Lake City

The inaugural Rotary World Peace Symposium successfully conveyed the quality of the peace program through two days of presentations in Salt Lake City in June. The Duke-UNC Center was represented by 18 alumni and members of Class 5, Carol and Tim Allen, Jim Peacock, and Francis Lethem.

Five Fellows from the Duke-UNC Center presented during the symposium, which brought together hundreds of Rotarians, alumni, and

current Fellows to learn about the successes and future of the Rotary Centers programs through panel discussions and presentations. Stephanie Borsboom, David Chick, Mwila Chigaga, Susan Stigant, and Shai Tamari gave talks demonstrating this Center's emphasis on systematic interdisciplinary analysis of the root causes of conflicts as a basis for their resolution.

Many speakers at the symposium followed the general

theme of underlining the increasing diversity of the causes of conflicts, and thus the variety of skills and channels needed for their resolution. Highlighting the effectiveness of the Rotary World Peace program were the achievements of its alumni. Of the 22 graduates from the Duke-UNC Center, currently seventy-five percent work in fields directly relating to the program's objectives.



### Duke-UNC Rotary World Peace Center Website

Please visit our website, [www.rotarypeacecenternc.org](http://www.rotarypeacecenternc.org). The site contains valuable information about the program, links to various university sites, and a new photo gallery.

## Rotary Peace Center News



Nidhi Khosla, pictured above on the right, displayed information about India for an international cultural exposition in April at UNC. Area students from grades K-12 visited the cultural fair organized by Carolina students. The event provided an opportunity for visitors to experience music, dance, and one-on-one interactions with people representing different countries and continents.



FedEx Global Education Center at UNC

First year Fellow Shai Tamari delivered the keynote address for District 5190's conference in April. Highlighting his experiences as an Israeli working toward peace in the Middle East, he discussed his passion for finding ways to settle conflicts between opposing factions.



After years of planning and construction, the FedEx Global Education Center at UNC opened in March. Built to limit environmental impact, many green features are integrated into the design, including rainwater collection, extensive use of natural light to replace electric lighting, high energy efficiency and indoor air quality, and a green roof, planted in drought-tolerant succulent plants. The Rotary Peace Center at UNC is now located on the third floor of the Global Education Center, and welcomes visitors to the beautiful new space.

## Duke-UNC and Berkeley Centers Exchange for Annual Conferences

Peace Fellows David Chick and Juan Esteban Ugarizza, along with Duke co-director Francis Lethem, participated in the spring conference at the University of California, Berkeley, in April. The three North Carolina representatives spoke of the work being done by current Fellows at Duke-UNC, as well as alumni around the world. UNC Fellow Olga Nesterova and Duke Fellow Stephanie Borsboom also attended.



David Chick, Class IV, Duke

## Rotary Center Events

Director of the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University Peter Walker addressed Rotary World Peace Fellows and interested students and members of the community in February. After a brief discussion of what the term “humanitarian” actually means, Dr. Walker gave an overview of the history of NGO’s, beginning with the founding of the Red Cross in 1859. Outlining the changes humanitarian aid has undergone, from cultural attitudes to funding dispersal, Dr. Walker proposed the idea that humanitarian agencies have become corporatized. Discussion followed the presentation.



Former Executive Director of UNICEF Carol Bellamy spoke with the Fellows in a private meeting in November. Ms. Bellamy discussed a broad range of topics concerning conflicted areas around the world, pointing out that today the international community is experiencing fewer wars but greater instability.

Passionate about pushing for female education and literacy, Ms. Bellamy suggested that appointing more women to positions of leadership, both at the UN and the local level, would employ the broader community to resolve conflict. The discussion also touched on the issues of blurred lines between military and aid work, factoring local custom and culture into the peace process, the problems with lack of international aid in the post conflict period, and ways to draw international attention to lesser publicized conflicts.



Duke-UNC Rotary Fellows attended a special lunch with Retired General Tony Zinni, former Commander in Chief of US Central Command, in January. In 2002, General Zinni was appointed to serve as the U.S. Peace Envoy in the Middle East, and as the Special Envoy to the Henri Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva. His military career has taken him to more than 70 countries throughout the world. General Zinni gave a short talk followed by questions and answers. Of special in-

terest to the Rotary Fellows was Zinni’s participation in presidential diplomatic missions to Somalia, Pakistan, and Ethiopia-Eritrea, as well as State Department missions involving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and conflicts in Indonesia and the Philippines.



## Meet the Rotary Center Board



Front row: Francis Lethem, Susan Carroll, Carol Allen  
Back row: Jim Peacock, Niklaus Steiner, Jonathan Abels

The Duke-UNC Rotary Center Board consists of 6 members representing the two universities. With the exception of Susan Carroll, Program Coordinator, the board members volunteer their time to help create the successful program the Duke-UNC Center has become. Please look for profiles of other board members in the coming issues of Rotary Review.



“I have been involved with the center since its inception and have had the pleasure and honor to work with creative, bright, hard-working people at Duke, UNC, and Rotary International who have dedicated significant time, energy and funds to the development and promotion of this center and its fellows. I am proud to be counted among them as a member of this Board and to call them my colleagues and friends.”

Jonathan Abels, Administrative Manager for the Duke Center for International Development, where all Fellows attending Duke study.

“I became a part of this center when the ink was still drying on the contract. It has been everything - exciting, challenging, rewarding, frustrating, engaging. The best part, surely, are the people and I can't say enough about what a pleasure it is to work with the board, the fellows and the Rotarians.”

Niklaus Steiner, Executive Director of the Center for Global Initiatives, the department that supports and houses the Rotary Center at UNC

## Rotary Center Events, cont.



On March 1, Rotary Fellows from Duke and UNC had a lunch meeting with Shashi Tharoor, UN Under-Secretary General for Communications and Public Information (2002-2007) during his visit to Duke University. Tharoor was India's candidate in the recent election for UN Secretary-General, coming in second out of seven candidates. An accomplished writer and speaker, he answered students' questions about careers in the United Nations system, specifically the often difficult task of getting started. Having navigated this system from a staff position to a political-level post and to candidate for the top job, Tharoor was in an excellent position to offer advice to the Rotary Fellows.

*Working Toward...**Mediation,  
Conflict Resolution  
and Peace**Where there is war*

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.

*Understanding**Where there is disharmony*

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 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.

*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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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, April 12, 2008**

**Duke-UNC Rotary Center  
Fifth Annual Spring Conference**

**Global Education Center, UNC**