USIP Public Education for Peacebuilding Support Initiative Award Overviews for Round 2

Antioch University Seattle

Seattle, WA

A public seminar and podcast series that explores dimensions of international humanitarian law, including refugees and resettlement, veterans and prisoners of war, pre- and post- armed conflict, treaty violations, and peace and reconciliation activities.

Ashland University

Ashland, OH

A two-part series for campus and community members that explores the changing nature of war, conflict prevention, and the possibilities and limits of nonviolent intervention.

Bellarmine University

Louisville, KY

A public presentation by former Congressman Lee H. Hamilton on "The Challenge to the U.S. Foreign Policy from Iran and North Korea."

Birmingham-Southern College

Birmingham, AL

A public conference titled "Along the Border: Murder, Mayhem and the Drug Cartels in Northern Mexico," that will present research findings and explore new perspectives to address the violence along the U.S./Mexico border.

Castleton State College

Castleton, VT

A series of events with international peace educator, researcher, and experienced nonviolence trainer Dr. Arthur Romano, who will deliver a presentation on courageous leadership to students and faculty, conduct small group discussions on nonviolent action, and assist the College in establishing a peace and justice program.

Central College

Pella, IA

A week-long residency by members of the global peacebuilding organization, Intersections International, consisting of workshops, classroom presentations, and community dialogues on the theme of nonviolent conflict resolution around the world.

Columbia University

New York, NY

A program entitled The Two Sudans Forum, launched in spring 2013, to facilitate dialogue that engages the Sudanese diaspora, scholars, policymakers, NGO leaders, media representatives, students, and others to promote a peaceful relationship between the two states.

Drexel University

Philadelphia, PA

A half-day of facilitated workshops on international peacebuilding and conflict resolution topics, for students and other participants from over 50 organizations, with networking opportunities to help launch activities for the 2013 UN International Day of Peace.

Duke University

Durham, NC

Two full-day workshops for the university's 25 Rotary Peace Fellows, who are mid-career master's students and peace specialists from 17 different countries. The workshops combine the Do No Harm Project, the Reflecting on Peace Practice Project, and the analytical tools in conflict analysis and prevention developed by CDA Collaborative Learning Projects (Cambridge, MA).

Emory University

Atlanta, GA

A public film series, "Sexual Violence, War & Reconciliation," with guest filmmakers and speakers from Emory University, The Carter Center, and the Centers for Disease Control, to raise awareness about sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict settings and the need for reconciliation among victims and perpetrators.

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL

A series of public educational events (lecture, roundtable, book discussion, panel, workshop) to engage students and community members on the basic concepts and strategies of conflict transformation, focusing on the roles of youth, media, and citizens in global peacebuilding.

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL

The fourth annual "PeaceJam Slam," a public education program that explores the life and work of Nobel Peace Laureates with a focus on the activities that led to their selection as global peacemakers.

George Mason University

Fairfax, VA

A lecture on "The Struggle Against Organized Crime, Violence, and Impunity in Post-Conflict Guatemala" by Guatemalan Attorney General Claudia Paz y Paz, who will discuss her country's efforts to build peace in the aftermath of its 36-year civil war.

Georgia Regents University

Augusta, GA

A public panel discussion that examines the impact of climate change and extreme climatic events (floods, droughts, famines, hurricanes) on human migration patterns, addresses political and social stability in migrant regions, and explores how governments can prevent the outbreak of armed conflict in those regions.

Georgia State University

Atlanta, GA

A public discussion, "Civic Approaches to Extremism and Violence: Coordinating between the Private and Public Sectors," with Michael Posner, former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, to examine the role of civic approaches and the private sector in countering extremist violence in transitional states.

Gordon College

Wenham, MA

A panel presentation for students, faculty and local community members in which experienced scholar-practitioners share stories about their peacebuilding work in Northern Ireland, South Africa, and the Balkans.

Greenfield Community College

Greenfield, MA

A two-day intensive course on peace leadership and the multiple skills necessary for resolving international conflicts and waging peace, led by Iraq war veteran and peace educator Captain Paul K. Chappell, for domestic and international students from GCC, the University of Massachusetts, and other area colleges and community colleges.

Heidelberg University

Tiffin, OH

A lecture and workshop by Mohammad J. Mahallati, presidential scholar in Islamic Studies at Oberlin College and former Iranian ambassador to the UN, addressing religious moderation, diversity, and cultural factors, and tools and strategies that could be utilized to advance interfaith and international understanding.

Indian River State College

Fort Pierce, FL

A workshop for graduate students from five colleges and universities, to examine lessons learned from the Atlantic Hope Graduate pilot simulation in March 2013 that provided intensive training in post-conflict transition, negotiation, and mediation.

Iowa State University of Science and Technology

Ames, IA

A public lecture on the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) doctrine by Professor Ramesh Thakur, director, Centre for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament at Australian National University, one of the principal authors of R2P and a renowned expert on the role of international organizations in promoting conflict resolution.

James Madison University

Harrisonburg, VA

A five-day program of lectures for students at three area colleges and the public on sustainable, nongovernmental, postconflict recovery by Michael Capoletti, a peacebuilding practitioner with extensive experience in indigenous community building in post- conflict Nicaragua, El Salvador, Haiti and Peru.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

New York, NY

An interactive, international art exhibit that interprets stories of conflict, displacement, and resilience, with talks and performances by two artists: Khadija Baker, a Kurdish Syrian whose installation portrays the ongoing Syrian civil war, and Mona Sharma, a South Asian whose series of graphic drawings examine cultural contexts and the varying definitions of justice.

Johnson County Community College

Overland Park, KS

A one-day conference for students, medical practitioners, and the public about local peacebuilding initiatives in northern Uganda, with a special focus on how healthcare services contribute to peace by functioning as sites of healing that diverse populations must share.

Kennesaw State University

Kennesaw, GA

An educational series of events over six weeks that brings together members of the public, volunteers, and working professionals to explore the role of peacebuilding in foreign policy, and to help launch a new research and practice network for the greater Atlanta metropolitan area. The Atlanta-based Honorary Consul General of Liberia and the Consul General of Germany are planned speakers for the forum's culminating event.

Lander University

Greenwood, SC

Two lectures and a roundtable discussion for students and the public by Dr. Alexis Dudden, an internationally recognized scholar, on the causes of conflict and possibilities of building sustainable peace in East Asia, with special attention to the Korean Peninsula.

Lawrence University

Appleton, WI

A workshop entitled "Peacebuilding, Gender, and Sustainable Development in Sierra Leone" with a keynote address by a leading policymaker in preparation for a student and faculty service learning trip to Sierra Leone in December 2013 that includes volunteering in local schools and meetings with international, national, and local stakeholders.

Loyola University Chicago

Chicago, IL A public conference on the prospects for a peaceful settlement of the complex Kurdish question.

Madison Area Technical College (Madison College)

Madison, WI

A film and speaker series titled "Women, Peace and Conflict" that will explore the role of women as key actors in nonviolent, international peacebuilding.

Marquette University

Milwaukee, WI

An interdisciplinary, interfaith symposium to increase public understanding of how religious traditions seek to contribute to nonviolent peacemaking in the world with scholars and practitioners from seven religions whose presentations will be compiled into a textbook.

Marymount Manhattan College

New York, NY

Two evening presentations by organizations focusing on survivors of war-time sexual violence, the Center for Migration Studies and the Network for Peace Through Dialogue, to deepen understanding of the issue and enhance advocacy skills among college students as future peacebuilders.

Miami Dade College

Miami, FL

A panel discussion for students and the public on genocide prevention from multiple perspectives, including international legal issues, Responsibility to Protect, and psychological dimensions, as part of the College's ongoing program on peacebuilding, dialogue, and conflict resolution.

Miami University

Oxford, OH

An interactive exhibit on water as a human right and peaceful solutions to water conflicts, with a public lecture by Dr. Sumit Ganguly, Rabindranath Tagore Chair of Indian Cultures and Civilizations at Indiana University, on negotiations in the India-Kashmir conflict over Indus River water rights.

Monterey Institute for International Studies

Monterey, CA

An expert panel discussion as part of the interdisciplinary three-day conference, "Maneuvering the Maze: Understanding Justice in Conflicts, " which examines the issue of justice in conflict and post-conflict societies and various approaches to advancing justice around the world.

Montgomery College

Rockville, MD

A speaker series to address peace, justice and human rights in the context of International Peace Day, United Nations Day, and Human Rights Day in the fall of 2013, culminating in a colloquium with local organizations engaged in international peacebuilding.

Mount Mary College

Milwaukee, WI

A multi-faceted event entitled "Synergy: Women, Creativity and Peacebuilding," with presentations by leading specialists, a film screening, and discussions on how women leaders use the creative arts in post-violence trauma healing, restorative justice, and community development.

Northern Illinois University

DeKalb, IL

A speaker series, "Women in International Relations," to enhance the understanding of peacebuilding and conflict resolution through an exploration of how gender issues impact conflict dynamics.

Pacific Lutheran University

Tacoma, WA

A public lecture, "Pathways to Peace: Social Entrepreneurship in Post-Conflict Rwanda," by Dr. Zachary D. Kaufman, Yale University expert on the Rwandan genocide, who will also engage with university faculty and church-related organizations involved in social entrepreneurship as a pathway to peace in post-conflict areas.

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Galloway, NJ

A speaker series highlighting the connection between global conflict resolution and students' academic majors, giving them an internationalized perspective of their fields of study and informing them how their future professions have a role to play in international peacebuilding efforts.

Salem State University

Salem, MA

A public lecture on ways to advance international conflict resolution and peace by former Army Captain Paul K. Chappell, Iraq war veteran and director of peace leadership at the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Edwardsville, IL

Two public presentations as part of the University's International Speaker Series to increase public awareness of global issues by examining the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the role of women in peacebuilding.

Southern Methodist University

Dallas, TX

A series of events, including a roundtable discussion and a film screening, for students and the public to explore nonviolent approaches to addressing conflicts over the disputed territories in the South China Sea, featuring (Retired) U.S. Navy Admiral Patrick Walsh, former commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, as guest speaker.

St. Mary's University

San Antonio, TX

A public lecture and student workshop on the UN International Day of Peace by Padraig Tuama, poet and professional peace practitioner from Northern Ireland, who will address the critical role of storytelling for peacebuilding in a post-conflict society and the use of poetry as an instrument of conflict transformation.

Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library

Stockton, CA

A public lecture, discussion, and workshop on resolving international conflicts nonviolently with Shahed Amanullah, senior advisor for technology at the U.S. Department of State for digital diplomacy projects, and Jerry Hildebrand, director of the Global Center for Social Entrepreneurship at the University of the Pacific.

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Normal, IL

A four-day campus program of lectures and workshops that will highlight the intersections of human rights and international humanitarian law during armed conflict, featuring two leading legal experts and a practicing psychologist and Red Cross trainer.

The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

An inaugural, live-streamed workshop to launch the Business for Peace Collaboratory, an Ohio-based networking laboratory linking the business community and Ohio State University Peace initiatives. The project will bring together academic and business leaders to promote peace and stability and build public-private partnerships that advance understanding of international peacemaking and conflict resolution activities.

University of Cincinnati

Cincinnati, OH

Two public lectures and a faculty and graduate student workshop, led by two leading gender experts, on the incorporation of women into post-conflict peacebuilding and on women's contributions to post-conflict transitions.

University of Dayton

Dayton, OH

Presentations by Juan Méndez and Alex de Waal, two leading authorities on conflict mediation and transitional justice, as part of a public conference on "The Social Practice of Human Rights," a topic that is critical for conflict resolution and the mitigation of violence.

University of Denver

Denver, CO

Three public talks on the theme of religion and international peacebuilding, by key peace practitioners with field experience in religion-affiliated or faith-based NGOs focused on humanitarian assistance and conflict resolution.

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

A series of three seminars by highly-lauded NGO development practitioners to enhance understanding of topics central to international peacebuilding and conflict resolution practice, followed by an integrative and experiential workshop that incorporates the themes from the seminars.

University of Hawaii at Hilo

Hilo, HI

A speakers series and film screenings focusing on climate change in the Pacific, which threatens to reverse human development gains globally, increase climate-induced migration, and fuel the possibility of international violent conflict.

University of Maryland

College Park, MD

A program engaging five guest peace practitioners who will participate in a lecture series, workshops, and conduct miniclinics, to stimulate new thinking about developing, planning and implementing international peacebuilding programs.

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Lowell, MA

A public presentation on human rights, democracy, and inclusion of women in Egypt and the Middle East by the year 2050, as part of the campus's three-part series entitled "Vital Visions: The Future of Peace in the Middle East."

University of New Hampshire

Durham, NH

A four-part public lecture series by experienced practitioners on diverse aspects of conflict transformation: the role of nonviolent resistance movements in creating political change, civilian protection in war zones, youth and peacebuilding, and gender and peacebuilding.

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

A policy workshop for students and the public that will engage specialists from government, military, the media, and the scholarly and policymaking communities to discuss how Afghanistan's regional position and cooperation with its neighbors and other regional actors can contribute to building peace and stability in the country.

University of South Carolina

Columbia, SC

A three-part lecture series on post-conflict transitions and their effects on vulnerable populations such as women and children. Expert speakers will address prosecutions relating to children in armed conflict; Islamist groups and human development in Middle East and North African post-conflict settings; and the role of South Sudanese youth in post-conflict reconstruction, governance, and nation-building.

University of South Florida (USF)

Tampa, FL

A one-day conference to examine how economic development and ethnic reconciliation can contribute to political stability in Afghanistan after the planned December 2014 withdrawal of US troops.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI

A public panel discussion on the multiple dimensions of peacebuilding and the types of interventions that can be brought to bear in conflict-affected areas to reduce violence. The program will draw upon the expertise of international peacebuilding professionals and university faculty, and will be preceded by an interactive high school student workshop.

Valencia College

Orlando, FL

A week of events in connection with International Peace Day, including film screenings, reading circles, workshops and guest speaker Carl Wilkens, the only American remaining in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide, a humanitarian aid worker, and founder of the nonprofit organization, World Outside My Shoes.

Wayne State University

Detroit, MI

A Global Teacher Forum series consisting of three lectures on Iran and the West, Palestine-Israel, and Pakistan-India-Afghanistan. The series will familiarize teachers with peacebuilding strategies and conflict resolution mechanisms, and address the basic historical and political dynamics of these three conflicts to better inform their classroom work.