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The Juneau World Affairs Council (JWAC) is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3), nonpartisan membership organization. Our goal is to encourage dialog and understanding of international, economic, political and social issues through expert presentation, informed discussion, and other educational activities.

In pursuit of this goal, JWAC organizes presentations, lectures and panel discussions for the benefit of our members and the public. Speakers have included ambassadors, professors, business leaders, politicians, explorers and more.

The majority of JWAC's presentations are free of charge and everyone is encouraged to attend. JWAC is funded by members' dues and contributions from the community. All work in the organization is performed by its members and a volunteer board of directors.



WORLD AFFAIRS FORUM 2010
October 8-10 | University of Alaska Southeast Egan Library

THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACE:
Nonviolent Strategies to Resolve International Conflict



Welcome

This forum will examine nonviolent interventions that address threats to international peace and stability including ethnic and religious strife, civil war, failed states, colonialism and its aftermath, social and political violence, and human rights abuses. Emerging paradigms for international conflict resolution that will be discussed include negotiation, meditation, reconciliation, and other forms of nonviolent peace building.

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Forum Schedule

Friday 10.8

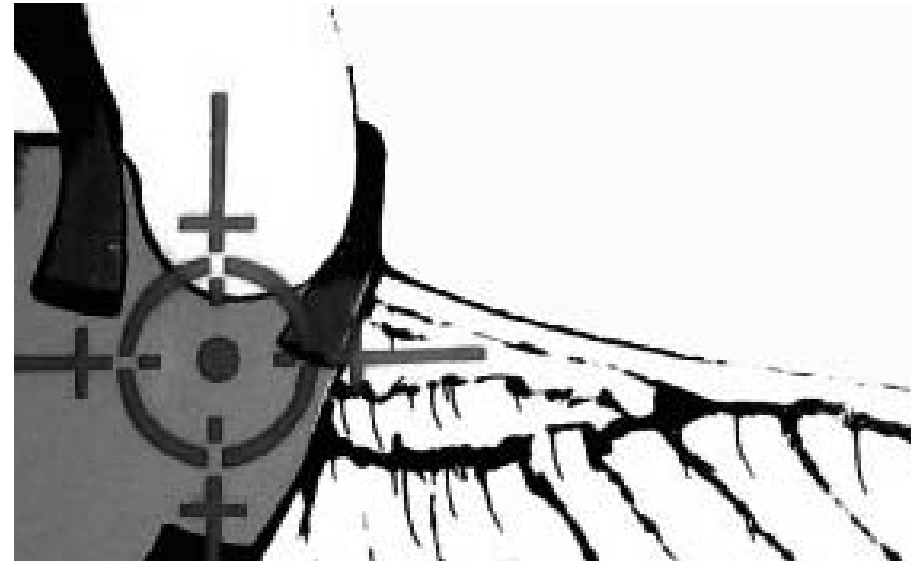
Welcome and Introduction to the Weekend Forum

- 7:00-8:00 *Rethinking International Political Violence: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict* (Erica Chenoweth)
- 8:00-9:00 *Human Rights and Nonviolent Struggles* (Julie Mertus)
- 9:00-9:30 Q & A

Saturday 10.9

Welcome and Schedule

- 10:00-11:30 *How Peace Activists Saved the World from Nuclear War* (Lawrence Wittner)
Q & A
- 11:30-12:30 PANEL 1: *Armed Conflict as a Failure of Policy, Diplomacy, and Political Organization* (Erica Chenoweth, Julie Mertus, Craig Etcheson, Lawrence Wittner)
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch Break (*recommend campus cafeteria*)
- 1:30-2:45 *On the Frontiers of Social Healing: Thinking Outside the Box* (Judith Thompson)
Q & A
- 2:45-3:45 BREAKOUT 1: (*break out groups with presenters; topics to be announced*)
- 3:45-4:00 Break
- 4:00-5:00 PANEL 2: *Post-conflict Restorative Justice* (Craig Etcheson, Itonde Kakoma, Julie Mertus, Judith Thompson)
- 5:00 Wrap-up and Closing
- 7:00-8:30 *Four Part Harmony: Truth, Justice, Peace, and Mercy on the Path to Social Healing* (Judith Thompson: A participatory workshop on peace building.)



Sunday 10.10

Welcome and Schedule

- 10:00-11:30 *Reconciliation: What It Is and How to Get It* (Craig Etcheson)
Q & A
- 11:30-12:30 PANEL 3: *Citizen Nonviolent Engagement and Political Change* (Itonde Kakoma, Erica Chenoweth, Craig Etcheson, Lawrence Wittner)
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch Break (*recommend campus cafeteria*)
- 1:30-2:45 *The Truth and Reconciliation Process in Africa* (Itonde Kakoma)
Q & A
- 2:45-3:45 BREAKOUT 2: (*break out groups with presenters; topics to be announced*)
- 3:45-4:00 Break
- 4:00-5:00 PANEL 4: *Why We Go to War* (Erica Chenoweth, Julie Mertus, Judith Thompson, Lawrence Wittner)
- 5:00 Wrap-up and Closing

Speakers

Erica Chenoweth

Wesleyan University Professor of Government



Dr. Chenoweth has conducted extensive research on nonviolent conflict, including the prominent 2008 study *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Resistance* she published with Maria Stephan in the journal, *International Security*, and *Rethinking Violence: States and Non-State Actors in Conflict* (editor with Andria Lawrence, MIT Press, 2010).

See <http://echenoweth.faculty.wesleyan.edu/biography/> for more information.

Erica loves fly fishing, and JWAC promised to make sure that she would have the chance to wet a line while in Alaska.

Craig Etcheson

Investigator, Office of Co-Prosecutors, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (unofficially known as the Khmer Rouge Tribunal)



Dr. Etcheson also works with the Documentation Center of Cambodia and is a visiting scholar at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins School of International Studies. His main work for many years has been in resolution, reconciliation, and accountability following the Cambodian genocide. His most recent books include *After the Killing Fields: Lessons from the Cambodian Genocide* (Praeger, 2005) and *Extraordinary Chambers: Law, Politics and War Crimes Tribunals* (in revision for the U.S. Institute of Peace

Press). He draws on his extensive field experience in examining the contested definitions of reconciliation and the many methods that have been employed around the world to achieve reconciliation in the aftermath of extreme social violence.

Itonde Kakoma

Mr. Kakoma worked for the Carter Center's Conflict Resolution Program from 2007-2009, initially serving as a graduate assistant then as a research consultant,

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ultimately coordinating the Center's Liberia Rule of Law project. He served as an international consultant to the Liberian Truth & Reconciliation Commission, contributing to the Final Report's section on religion and tradition. He has designed and implemented numerous inter-disciplinary field assessments on subjects ranging from post-conflict reconstruction, gender-based violence, customary law, mental health, access to information and transitional justice.

Kakoma is in the ordination process for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; he holds a Bachelor's of Religion from Wartburg College and has conducted post-graduate research on the intersections between reconciliation and ritual at the University of Pretoria. He resigned from the Carter Center in September of 2009 to complete his theological studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. Since resigning from the Carter Center, he has served as a resource person and consultant to the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (Nairobi Bureau); and as a consultant to the Carter Center assisting with follow-up mediation efforts on identity based conflict in Northern Liberia. He is a student chaplain at The Johns Hopkins Hospital; and is currently serving as the guest editor for a thematic issue of the *Journal of Religion, Conflict, and Peace*.

Julie Mertus

American University Professor in School of International Service, Co-Director of Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs Program



Dr. Mertus' main interest is in human rights. She is the author or editor of ten books, including *Bait and Switch: Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy* (2004 second edition 2007), named "human rights book of the year" by the American Political Science Association and, most recently, *Human Rights Matters: Local Politics and National Human Rights Institutions* (2006 coeditor with Jeffrey Helsing) and *The United Nations and Human Rights: A Guide for a New Era* (2005). She has examined many postwar transitions in

Central and Eastern Europe, with a focus on the former Yugoslavia. She has also worked in Vietnam, Brazil, China, Jordan, and South Africa. Dr. Mertus is both an academic and practitioner.

See <http://www.aupeace.org/faculty/mertus> for more information.

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Judith Thompson

Karuna Center for Peacebuilding



Dr. Thompson has a background in dialogue, reconciliation, community organizing, psychosocial healing, and leadership development. In the 80's she founded Children of War, an international youth leadership movement working with teenagers from 22 war zones and since then has helped to launch numerous other organizations including Global Youth Connect, Cambodian Living Arts, The Rwandan Youth Healing Center, The World Council of Elders and Earth Circles, Inc. She has facilitated dialogue in post-conflict settings, most recently between Israeli

and Palestinian mental health workers around the process of acknowledgment, and she consults for reconciliation initiatives worldwide. She co-directs the Societal Healing Project which is exploring cutting edge innovations in the theory and practice of reconciliation. Her research interests have included the role of empathy and compassion in reconciliation processes, and she has presented on this topic in Bosnia, South Africa, Germany, Colombia, and Northern Ireland. She is past Peace Fellow at the Radcliff Institute for Advanced Studies and is currently the Research and Program Associate at the Karuna Center for Peacebuilding, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization that offers international training programs in conflict transformation, intercommunal dialogue, and reconciliation.

Lawrence Wittner

Professor of History, SUNY Albany



Dr. Wittner has done decades of research on the history of the American peace movement and disarmament. He is the author of seven books and the editor or coeditor of four. Two of his recent books are *Confronting the Bomb—A Short History of the World Nuclear Disarmament Movement* (2010) and *Peace Action: Past, Present, and Future* (coeditor, with Glen H. Stassen 2007). Dr. Wittner will provide an historic overview of international peace movements with a focus on nuclear disarmament.

See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence_S._Wittner for more information.

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