

# News from the Center

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Meet the Center's Staff

and Steering Committee

April 10, 2014 Ware Lecture

Tawakkol Karman: "We want peace and only peace."



Tawakkol Karman, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner, is known as the "mother of the revolution" and "the iron woman."

awakkol Karman received the Nobel Peace Prize for her role in the 2011 Yemeni protests. She is only the second Muslim woman—and youngest person ever—to be selected for the award. The Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking is proud to announce Karman as the 2014 Ware Lecturer.

Karman is a human rights activist, journalist, politician, president of the organization Women Journalists without Chains, senior member of the Al-Islah political party, and a member of the Transparency International advisory board. She is also the mother of three children. She chose to stop wearing the *niqab*, or veil, as a symbol of her empowerment.

Born in 1979 in Taiz, Yemen, Karman received her undergraduate degree in Commerce, followed by a degree in Political Science from the University of Science and Technology in Sana. A journalist by profession and civil rights activist by nature, she responded to the political instability and human rights abuses in Yemen by mobilizing others and reporting on injustices. In 2005, Karman founded "Women Journalists without Chains," to advocate for rights of journalists and provide media skills training.

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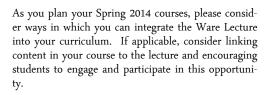
In 2007, Karman began organizing weekly protests in Yemen's capitol, Sana'a, targeting systemic government repression and calling for inquiries into corruption and other forms of social and legal injustice. Karman's weekly protests continued until 2011, when she redirected protesters to support the Arab Spring. Karman even brought Yemen's revolution to New York organizing rallies at the UN headquarters.

She continues her efforts in these fields today and has been recognized for her actions. She has entered into many dialogues and written several articles, calling for abandonment of extremism, violence and terrorism, for dialogue between religions, and for co-existence between peoples, cultures and civilizations. Policy Magazine named her one of the Top 100 Global Thinkers and Time Magazine called her one of the sixteen most revolutionary women in history.

Karman will deliver the 2014 Ware Lecture at 7:30 p.m. on April 10, 2014, at the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. The lecture is open to the public. Tickets are free but required and can be reserved after February 15 by calling 717-361-4757.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the Judy S. and Paul W. Ware Colloquium on Peacemaking and Global Citizenship and the Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking.

# Integrating the Ware Lecture Into the Curriculum



There are a number of interdisciplinary issues that

arise from the study of Karman's work. For instance, what is the role of the media in promoting political change? Is nonviolent protest an effective instrument? What lessons are there to learn from the Arab Spring and how can they be applied to other contexts?

If you have specific requests for engaging Karman while she is on campus, please contact Kay Wolf (wolfk@etown.edu).



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#### Fall 2013 in Review

The Center sponsored and directed many significant activities during the Fall 2013 semester. From lectures to films to conferences, the center enhanced the educational opportunities available on campus.

A "first-ever" activity was the November 2 Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) conference. Representatives from a variety of NGOs participated in panel discussions around such topics as development, good governance, and peacemaking. The keynote address was offered by Etown Alumna, Jan Pursell Lane, formerly of the American Red Cross and CARE. Over 300 individuals attended the conference, which concluded with a job and internship fair.

Other notable activities included:

A cyber-security seminar featuring three internationally recognized panelists;

Field trips to Washington, Philadelphia, Edgewater, and Harrisburg; Two international films and discussions with film makers;

A musical concert with musicians from the renowned group Intercultural Journeys;

A timely lecture on the topic of chemical weapons in Syria:

And a weeklong Peace and Remembrance program featuring the Hiroshima A-bomb survivor Shigeko Sasamori.

Thanks to all who helped make this past semester such a tremendous success.



Jan Pursell Lane, E-town alumna and Vice Chair of the College's Leadership Council, was the keynote speaker at the NGO Conference. She shared her experiences working with NGOs throughout her career, while reiterating the College's motto, "Educate for Service."

# **Administering Grants and Stretching the Tuition Dollars**

The Center is dedicated to securing external grants to help offset the costs of our educational activities. Currently it is administering two sizeable grants. The first, from the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages Program (under the Title VI umbrella), provides nearly \$200,000 in funding. We have used these monies to host an NGO Conference, a Teach Japan conference, support student travel abroad, and bring guest speakers to campus. The grant has also offset salaries for many key personnel. The second grant, which includes over \$100,000 from the United Service Foundation, will enable us to focus on service activities and training events in the Asia/Pacific region and East Africa. This grant will allow the development of new ways to develop course materials that will be interactive between the students, faculty and larger community of Elizabethtown College and partners in Africa and Asia. Besides these two grants, the individual members of the Steering Committee oversee several additional grants from various sources.

The Center continues looking for new and exciting grant opportunities which overlap with the mission of the College and the Center. For instance, we recently submitted a \$200,000 grant proposal to the United States Institute for Peace which will enable us to engage in scholarly exchanges with the University of Hergeisa in Somaliland. Contact the Center if you have an idea for an external grant in line with our mission.

# **Collaboration Across Disciplines**

Dedicated to interdisciplinary programming that will appeal to students and faculty from diverse backgrounds, the Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking collaborated during the Fall 2013 semester with individuals in Computer Engineering, Social Work, Political Science, Fine and Performing Arts, Religious Studies, Modern Languages, History, Education, Physics and Engineering and Business. If you have an idea in need of support, please contact the Center.

Right: The panelists at the Ware Seminar on Cyber security included, from left to right; Scott Borg, Director of the U.S. Cyber Consequences Unit, an independent, non-profit research institute; John M. Smith, Senior Counsel, Raytheon Co., a cybersecurity lawyer who previously served as Associate Counsel to President George W. Bush; and lan Wallace, visiting fellow for cybersecurity at the Brookings Institution.

**Right, insert:** Scott Borg getting the crowd's attention. (9/17/2013)



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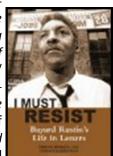
### **Spotlight on Steering Committee Members**



**Dr. Michael Long,** is an associate professor of religious studies and peace and conflict studies at Elizabethtown College and is the author or editor of several books on civil rights, religion and politics, and peacemaking in mid-century America, including *Beyond Home Plate: Jackie Robinson on Life after Baseball* (Syracuse University Press);

Martin Luther King, Jr., Homosexuality, and the Early Gay

Rights Movement (Palgrave Macmillan); I Must Resist: Bayard Rustin's Life in Letters (City Lights); Marshalling Justice: The Early Civil Rights Letters of Thurgood Marshall (Amistad/HarperCollins); and First Class Citizenship: The Civil Rights Letters of Jackie Robinson (Times Books). Another of Long's books, Christian Peace and Nonviolence, focuses on international



peacemaking efforts by Christian activists and scholars. Long's work has been featured or reviewed in *The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Boston Globe, USA Today,* CNN, *Book Forum, Ebony/Jet,* and many other newspapers and journals. Long blogs for the Huffington Post and has appeared on C-Span and NPR. His speaking engagements have taken him from the National Archives in Washington, D.C., to the Schomberg Center of the New York Public Library in Harlem, and to the City Club of San Diego. Long holds a Ph.D. from Emory University in Atlanta and resides in Highland Park, Pennsylvania.

**Dr. Oya Dursun-Ozkanca** is a native of Turkey. She received her BA in Political Science and International Relations at Bosphorus University in Istanbul, and MA and

PhD in Government at University of Texas at Austin. She is a member of the Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Legal Studies, and the Director of the International Studies Minor at Elizabethtown College. Her research interests include Turkish foreign policy, transatlantic security, European politics, the Balkans, and peacebuilding missions. She is the author of a number of scholarly articles in leading peer-



reviewed journals, such as Civil Wars, European Security, Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding, Perspectives on European Politics and Society, Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies, and Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center Journal of International, and various edited volumes. In 2012, Dursun-Ozkanca served as a guest editor of a European Security journal special issue, titled "The EU and Security Sector Reform Practices: Challenges of Implementation"; and as a guest co-editor of a Civil Wars journal special issue with Dr. Stefan Wolff, titled "Assessing Regional and International Organizations' Interventions in Civil Wars: Capabilities and Context". This summer, she served as a LSEE Research on South Eastern Europe Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics, and conducted fieldwork in Serbia and Bosnia on Turkish foreign policy in the Balkans. Her first co-authored book, External Interventions in Civil Wars: The Role and Impact of Regional and International Organizations, has just been published by Routledge in July 2013.



Provost and Senior Vice President, Susan Traverso, welcomes over 300 participants and 12 NGO representatives to the Center's inaugural NGO Conference.

In September, at the height of the chemical weapons standoff in Syria, the Center hosted a seminar titled "Syria: What to Do?" Dr. Oya Dursun-Ozkanca, Associate Professor of Political Science, provided a very informative analysis to the standing-room only audience.



# The Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking Spring

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February 5	Nigerian Art Ambassador Ibiyinka Olufemi Alao, "Art as a Tool for Peace"	March 16	Yogaville Ashram, "The Life of Satchidananda"
February 6	Chinese New Year Celebration	March 18	David Kenley, Toshiba Lecture*
February 15	Rakugo and Kamikiri Performance	March 25	Mal Fuller, "Remembering 9/11"
February 18	Clark Chilson, Toshiba Lecture*	April 1	Film Screening, "Summer Wars"
February 25	Constantine Vaporis, Toshiba Lecture*	April 10-11	2014 Ware Lecture and Classroom Discussions**
March 4	Dick Smethurst, Toshiba Lecture*		

<sup>\*</sup>The Center is hosting a series of lectures under the topic of "Japan in the Broader Context of Asia." The series is sponsored by a grant from the Toshiba International Foundation.

Check the website, arts and events calendar, Facebook and posters on campus for time, location and informative details about events.

# Meet the Staff and Steering Committee

During the summer of 2013, the Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking transitioned to new leadership. Former director John B. Craig became the Center's Ambassador in Residence and Dr. David Kenley, Associate Professor of History, assumed the role of Center Director.

Other members of the staff and steering committee include Dr. Joyce Davis, Harrisburg World Affairs Council President, and a member of the College's Board of Trustees; Dr. Oya Dursun-

Ozkanca, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the International Studies minor; Dr. Mark Harman, Professor of English and German; Dr. Michael Long, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies and Director of the Peace and Conflict Studies minor; Mr. Jon Rudy, Peacemaker in Residence; Dr. Wayne Selcher, Emeritus Professor of Political Science; Dr. Kevin Shorner-Johnson, Assistant Professor of Music Education; and Ms. Kay Wolf, Program Manager.

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To make our activities as inclusive as possible, the Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking is dedicated to providing accurate and updated information in real time.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Ware Lecture April 10th; classroom discussions with Tawakkol Karman April 11th.