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2014 ALUMNI PEACE FELLOW, DR. ROBERT C. JOHANSEN, TO OFFER LECTURES ON TOPICS OF PEACEKEEPING AND THE UN

Dr. Robert C. Johansen, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Peace Studies at the Kroc Institute at University of Notre Dame, will be on Campus November 11-13 as the EC Alumni Peace Fellow. Dr. Johansen will join two Elizabethtown faculty for a discussion panel. The faculty participants will be Dr. Anya Goldina, originally from Ukraine, and her husband, Dr. Dimitriy Krichevskiy, from Russia.

“The Ukrainian Conflict: A New World Order?” - WARE SEMINAR TO BE GIVEN BY ARMY WAR COLLEGE PROFESSOR

Dr. Craig Nation, professor of strategy and director of Russian and Eurasian studies at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA, will share insights on the escalating conflict in Ukraine. Nation specializes in foreign policy and security affairs in post-Soviet Eurasia. His presentation, titled “The Ukrainian Conflict: A New World Order?”, will discuss Russia’s role in our post-Cold War era and will be held October 15 at 7 p.m. in Gibble Auditorium.

Following the lecture, Dr. Nation will join two

The Center Announces New Curriculum Enhancement Grants

In keeping with its mission to enhance and support curriculum development, the Center announces a new grant program. In October 2014, the Center will send out a call for applications for curriculum enhancement grants in the areas of global understanding or peacemaking. The funds can be used to develop an entirely new course, revise content within existing courses, or develop co-curricular programming to enhance the educational experience. Possible uses for the money could be to hire a student assistant, translator, consultant, lecturer, or performer; pay for international or domestic travel, including site visits for study abroad; purchasing books or equipment; provide for a summer stipend, etc. Up to four grants will be awarded in the range of $1,000-$4,500.

NGO Interns spend summer working in Colombia, Bangladesh

With financial support from the Center and a Title VI grant, students Stephen Brill and Alyssa Zerbe spent summer 2014 as NGO interns in Bangladesh and Columbia, respectively. Brill worked with the Yunus Foundation while Zerbe interned with Partners for the Americas. The scholarships that were awarded to these students covered the airfare, living expenses, and a significant hourly wage for the students. When asked what advice she had for her fellow students, Zerbe replied, “Go for it! It may seem scary or overwhelming at first, but in the end it is SUCH an amazing experience and something you may never get the opportunity to do again!” To apply for a 2015 scholarship, contact the Center.
Center hosts lecture series on ‘Japan in the Broader Context of Asia’

In Spring 2014, the Center participated in a video-conference lecture series titled “Japan in the Broader Context of Asia.” The series included presentations by Clark Chilson and Richard Smethurst, both of the University of Pittsburgh; Constantine N. Vapori of the University of Maryland; and David Kenley of Elizabethtown College. Each presentation was broadcast to audiences around the mid-Atlantic region. In addition to college students, K-12 educators from the area were invited to attend. Participants could interact with the speakers to ask questions and share insights. The lectures included such topics as “Buddhism for the Unenlightened,” “Japan and Its Asian Neighbors,” “The (Non) Economic Thinking of Japan’s Decision-makers for World War II,” and “Japan’s Myth of Homogeneity.”

In addition to the participation of the Center, the lecture series was sponsored by the National Consortium for Teaching About Asia, the University of Pittsburgh, Toshiba International Foundation, and the Freeman Foundation.

Rakugo and Kamikiri performers visit Elizabethtown College

Storytelling is an art form common to all cultures. In Japan, the “rakugo” storytelling tradition continues to inspire modern audiences despite its centuries-old history. During the spring 2014 semester, rakugo experts Ryutei Saryu and Kazumi Hatasa visited Elizabethtown College and delighted a packed audience in Gibble Auditorium. They also worked with Japanese-language students from Elizabethtown to develop their own rakugo performances. Kamikiri performer, Hayashiya Niraku, delighted the audience with his live paper cutting display. Audience members called out their favorite object, and Hayashiya would produce a paper-cutting of that object or animal while telling a story.

Students from Elizabethtown College, Dickinson College and Franklin and Marshall College participated in the event. The program was led by Dr. Nobuaki Takahashi, Associate Professor of Japanese, and was funded by the Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking, the Modern Languages Department, and a grant from the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language program.

Ambassador-in-Residence, John B. Craig, Speaks About “Terrorism and the Iran Revolution: ISIS in Syria”

On September 8, 2014, Ambassador John B. Craig, the Center’s ambassador-in-residence, presented a timely lecture on the origins of the Syrian civil war, the rise of the Islamic fundamentalists in Syria, the decision by Iran to get involved in Syria on the side of the Assad regime and the subsequent development that led to the break away extremist element called ISIL/ISIS.

Ambassador Craig traced the strategy of the Assad government that led to the release of extremists Muslim Brotherhood and Salafist leaders from Syrian jails and the process by which foreign states including Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey helped to build up the capabilities of Islamic groups which nurtured the extremism which led to the separation of the most extreme group or the Islamic state. He emphasized that these extremist groups do not conform to mainstream Islam and should not be seen as representative of the vast majority of Muslims who condemn their acts as we do.

Ambassador Craig described the most important steps to combat IS are the closure of the border with Turkey to prevent arms, money and foreign soldiers from reaching IS and the immediate increase in humanitarian aid for the more than 200,000 Iraqi Christians and other minorities who are refugees, including schools for the displaced children.

2014 Ware Lecturer challenges Elizabethtown, calls for rights of women

On April 10, Tawakkol Karman delivered the 2014 Ware Lecture in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. Karman is the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, which she won in 2011 at the age of 32. A native of Yemen, Karman works for the rights of Yemeni women and promotes nonviolent petitions for female equality. During her Ware Lecture she addressed each of these topics, inspiring Elizabethtown’s students to see themselves as global citizens.

In addition to her formal lecture, Karman met with various student groups and classes during her two days on campus. She challenged the college administration to sponsor at least one female Yemeni student each year, and she challenged the Center to do more to educate and inspire our students. The Center gratefully acknowledged Judy S. and Paul W. Ware for co-sponsoring the annual Ware Lecture with the Center through the Judy S. ’68 and Paul W. Ware Colloquium on Peacemaking and Global Citizenship and looks forward to continuing this rich tradition.
Grant-Funded Research Brings Direct Benefits to Jon Rudy's Classroom

I am entering my third year of teaching at Elizabethtown College. Beginning in 2014 I moved to 90% time thanks to a grant that allows me to continue field research that has direct benefits to the classroom. So far I have used this foundation grant to teach in Somaliland, co-facilitate a course in the Philippines and consult with and support a team of Lao NGO workers who are writing a peacebuilding curriculum.

In 1987, my wife, Carolyn, and I took our first overseas assignment in a refugee camp in Northwest Somalia. Since then a civil war decimated the area only to be rebuilt following peace agreements in the early/mid 1990s. Now thriving, Somaliland is rebuilding without much outside assistance. The University of Hargeisa set up an Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies and I have been invited there twice in the past few years to teach short courses on peacebuilding.

Since 2002, I have co-facilitated courses at the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute in the southern Philippines. This three week institute brings peacebuilders from all over Asia and the Pacific to learn new skills, network and find support among peers. This year I co-facilitated the Religion: Peacebuilding in Multicultural Societies course with a Catholic woman and Muslim man. Our students were from eight countries and we had a rich time of exploring how religion can either be a resource for peace or source of conflict. I hope one day that an Elizabethtown College student can participate on the secretariat of this institute as an intern.

I just returned from the Lao Peoples Democratic Republic (Laos) on a third of four planned trips in support of a project that is writing a Peacebuilding Curriculum. The goal of this trip was to help the team finalize the first chapter of the curriculum by using it in training of government and religious leaders who are learning how to address ethnic and religious problems in communities.

During my 15 days there I had numerous brainstorming sessions both formal and informal about peacebuilding possibilities in Laos given current and anticipated capacities for training. In addition I did numerous informal training sessions on conflict analysis tools, peacebuilding concepts and conflict transformation scenarios with peace trainers.

Lastly, CGUP will be offering a conflict transformation certificate in eight 3-hour sessions this academic year. This 24-seat/hour program will teach people about conflict and how to positively intervene by using mediation skills. The response has been overwhelming with the course filling up in a very short time.

I am thankful for my place here at Elizabethtown College and the grant monies that allow me to bring real world learning about peace and conflict transformation into the classroom. I see many young people eager to find new ways of addressing the problems in the world and I am honored to help them learn new knowledge and skills.

-Jonathan Rudy
Peacemaker-in-Residence

Save the Date
2015 Ware Lecture
Nicholas Kristof
Monday, April 13, 2015
7:30 pm, Leffler Chapel and Performance Center

Center Nominated for Torch Award

The Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking was one of five organizations nominated for the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg, PA’s 2014 Torch Award, in recognition of promoting the highest social values of tolerance, respect for diversity, and global understanding.

CURE International, an NGO, was named recipient of the Torch Award in honor of their excellent work in the field of disability services. They remembered the medical service given to thousands of patients by Dr. Jerry Unanos, who was killed in Kabul, Afghanistan one month prior to the awards dinner.
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