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A Word from the Directors

Greetings: This spring and summer the Center has continued to support research, education and action programs that promote successful conflict resolution skills and strategies. In April the Center presented Mary Robinson with its UCI Citizen Peacebuilding Award. In May, in cooperation with UCI's Center for the Study of Democracy and the Department of Political Science, the Center sponsored Former President Jimmy Carter's visit to UCI and presented him with the UCI Citizen Peacebuilding Award.

The Center has hosted other local and international guests who work in conflict zones as citizen peacebuilders and researchers. In the spring we hosted a lecture by our Kugelman Fellowship recipient and UCI PhD candidate Bruce Hemmer peacebuilding and democratization in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Northern Ireland. We also hosted Paul Arthur, Professor and course director of the graduate program in peace and conflict studies at the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland. He lectured on "The Irish Peace Process and the Changing Political Landscape."

This spring, in keeping with our mission to provide training opportunities for students in conflict resolution, the Center sponsored 10 students to attend the Youth Orientation to Kingean Non-Violence. This CORE Introduction examined the successful use of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s philosophy in social change and reconciling conflicts.

This summer we awarded UCI faculty and graduate students the Kugelman 07/08 Citizen Peacebuilding Fellowships. In June we co-sponsored with the Heinrich Boell Foundation a conference in Turkey on "Georgian NATO Accession and Potential Impacts on the Georgian-Abkhaz Peace Process." In July we hosted guests from the Middle East and the North Caucasus.

Throughout the spring and summer the Center has been working with students from several UCI student organizations, such as the Society of Arab Students, the Muslim Student Union, Anteaters for Israel, M.E.S.S.I., and several others to organize a student led trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories. The goal is to enable students from these active groups to visit the region and view the complex dynamics of the conflict first hand.

We appreciate your support for these important activities and welcome your feedback and participation in all our work. The Center's programs thrive on your interest and action that contribute to a safer world. Please visit our website-- www.citizenpeacebuilding.org-- to stay informed about our upcoming events--

In Peace,

Paula Garb and John Graham, Co-Directors, Center for Citizen Peacebuilding



The Center for Citizen Peacebuilding Board pictured here with President Jimmy Carter at UCI

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RECENT EVENTS

The Kugelman 07/08 Citizen Peacebuilding Research Fellowship Awardees

Graduate Fellowships

Nevin T. Aiken

Overcoming Intractability: Transitional Justice and Intercommunal Reconciliation in South Africa and Northern Ireland.

Chih-Chieh Chen

To Socialize a Rising Power: How Have International Norms Changed China and Vice Versa.

Bruce Hemmer

Putting the 'Up' in Bottom-Up Peacebuilding: Mobilizing Peace Constituencies in Democratizing Societies.

Morgan Kronberger

The Invisible Children Movement: The Domestic and International Impact of a Western NGO.

Katherine Mack

Fostering Rhetorical Reconciliation: Lessons from the Public Hearings of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Saba Senses Ozyurt

Islamic Institutions in the West: Bridge Builders or Boundary Markers between Muslim Immigrants and their Host Societies.

Katherine Quick

Peacebuilding at the Frontier of Democratization in Indonesia.

Daniel Wehrenfennig

Dialogue Revisited: Learning from Northern Ireland and Israel/Palestine.

UCI History Project

Themes in World History Institute: Building Peace in the Modern World.

Faculty Fellowships

Raul Lejano and Helen Ingram

Spirit of '86: Analyzing People Power Movements for Peaceful Change in the Pacific Rim.

Richard Matthew

Microfinance, Human Security and Sustainable Development.

2007 Peace Award Recipients

This year the Center has awarded two extremely deserving recipients the UCI Citizen Peacebuilding Award. In April, Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland (1990-1997) and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002) visited UCI to discuss the effects of globalization on human rights. She was honored with the UCI Citizen Peacebuilding Award for her extensive efforts working for human rights.

The year's second award was given to former U.S. President Jimmy Carter who visited UCI to share his thoughts and experiences seeking peaceful resolutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Because of President Carter's decades of efforts for peace and human rights work our Center awarded him the 2007 Citizen Peacebuilding Award.

CONFERENCE ON GEORGIAN NATO ACCESSION AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE GEORGIAN-ABKHAZ PEACE PROCESS

June 12-15, 2007. Istanbul, Turkey

The 14th major conference in a series of Georgian-Abkhaz dialogues gave a forum to citizen peacebuilders from the region to discuss the requisites and possible consequences of Georgia's accession into NATO among themselves and together with NATO officials and other international experts. The discussions helped clarify the controversial issues, and provided valuable insights into the motivations and interests behind the different positions. The conference will result in a policy paper and conference proceedings to be distributed to the public and policy makers throughout the region and in Washington, DC. Details at: <http://www.socsci.uci.edu/~cpb/progs/pdfs/NATOconference.pdf>

A CONVERSATION WITH MULI PELEG



Muli Peleg is a professor of political communication at the School of communication at Tel Aviv University, Israel visited UCI on July 27th to share his expertise on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and to discuss collaboration with the Center to promote citizen dialogues to help further the Palestinian-Israeli peace process. Dr. Peleg is an expert in conflict and conflict resolution processes. His areas of research and interest are dynamics of war and peace, political violence and terrorism, and the connections between politics, society and culture. After his military service as a tank commander in the Israeli Army, he became the spokesperson for the Peace Now movement; an initiator of the '93 Oslo Agreements and the '04 Geneva Accords. Professor Peleg has been a top advisor on leadership and peace processes for the Peres Center for Peace and the New Israel Fund. He is the Israeli Co-Chairman of One Voice, a Palestinian-Israeli organization to promote dialogue and reconciliation between the two nations. <http://www.idc.ac.il/eng/faculty/details.asp?sid=8843>

NORTH CAUCASUS MUSLIM LEADERS

On July 30, the Center hosted prominent Muslim leaders from Russia's North Caucasus who were invited to the United States by the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. The visitors explored potential areas of collaboration with our Center. They also wanted to learn about Muslims at UCI and in Orange County. They are interested in how Muslims in the United States have adapted their religious identities and societies to the minority experience in the United States and how Americans, both through civil society and religious-based organizations, seek to promote peace and cooperation.

