

# BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS DIVIDES

## RACIAL, POLITICAL, & ECONOMIC

### 7TH ANNUAL PEACE & JUSTICE WEEK

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE



*Hosted by UCI's Students for Global Peacebuilding*



#### DATE

#### SPEAKERS & SCHEDULE

#### INFO

*Meet and Greet (4:15-5:00 pm)*  
*Dinner, Music*

*Speakers/Panelists (5:00-6:40pm)*

*Moderator: Douglas Haynes PhD., Vice Provost for Academic Equity,  
Diversity & Inclusion*

*Brian Peterson: Faces of Santa Ana  
"Humanity of the Homeless"*

*Vien Truong: Dream Corps and Green for All  
"Climate Justice and Experiences Bringing Together  
Untraditional Allies Over Common Ground"*

*Janessa Gans Wilder: Euphrates Institute  
"Turning 'Others' into Brothers: From CIA Analyst to Peacebuilder"*

*John Sarrouf: Essential Partners  
"Difficult Conversations Made Easier"*

*Break/Refreshments (6:40-7:00 pm)*

*Panel Discussion, Audience Q & A (7:00-8:15 pm)*

*Concert & Closing (8:15 - 9:15pm)*  
*Daniel Nahmod: Singer-Songwriter and Producer*

*Free Admission*  
*Includes vegan dinner*

*Parking in the Student  
Center Parking Structure*  
*Located at Pereira and  
West Peltason*

*Wednesday*  
*April 24, 2019*  
*4:15pm - 9:15pm*  
*Pacific Ballroom*  
*UCI Student Center*  
*A311 Student Center*  
*Irvine, CA 92697*

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and Office of Inclusive Excellence*

# OUR SPEAKERS



## BRIAN PETERSON

*Brian Peterson, an artist and designer for Kia Motors America is the founder of Faces of Santa Ana, a Non Profit Organization. The mission of his nonprofit is to humanize the homeless by befriending and painting their portraits. The organization sells the artwork and uses the proceeds to meet the needs of these newfound friends. Faces of Santa Ana locally serves those in need while also inspiring and activating other creative endeavors in the US and abroad.*



## JOHN SARROUF

*Director of Program Development and Strategic Partnerships, John has facilitated dialogues about guns in America, police and community relations, Israel-Palestine Muslim-Jewish relations, Human Sexuality in the Christian Church, and race in America. He teaches how to facilitate dialogues across difference, mediate, and manage interpersonal and workplace conflict. He has helped start dialogue programs across the country. He was Assistant Director of Difficult Dialogues at Clark University, where he taught dialogue to faculty and students. He teaches in the departments of Communication and Peace and Conflict Studies at Gordon College, and reconciliation at the European Center for the Study of War and Peace in Zagreb. He's a contributor to "Guide for Conversations Across the Red-Blue Divide." To this work he brings 15 years in the theatre as an actor and director.*



## VIEN TRUONG

*A key architect in building an equitable green economy, Vien is CEO at The Dream Corps and leads Green For All. The organization puts communities of color at the forefront of the climate movement and equality at the center of environmental solutions. She has developed numerous energy, environmental, and economic policies and programs at the state, federal, and local levels. Vien helped lead the coalition to pass and implement California's landmark Senate Bill 535, a law that created the biggest fund in history for the nation's poorest and most polluted communities — to date it has reinvested over \$800 million in disadvantaged communities most harmed by fossil fuel pollution. She also co-led Charge Ahead California, which will place one million electric vehicles in California within 10 years, thereby ensuring that low income communities most impacted by pollution will benefit from zero tailpipe emissions. Vien has received the White House Champion of Change award for her work on climate equity.*



## JANESSA GANS WILDER

*A former CIA officer turned peacebuilder, social entrepreneur, and nonprofit executive, Janessa is the founder and CEO of the institute, a grassroots peacebuilding organization. Previously she worked at the CIA, including in Iraq, 2003-2005. She frequently speaks in interfaith, community, government, international, and educational settings, and has been featured on CBS, CNN, in the Los Angeles Times, Christian Science Monitor, Democracy Now. In the past decade, the Euphrates Institute has become a global network of peacebuilders and changemakers, comprising over 30 chapters in 15 countries.*



## DANIEL NAHMOD

*Nahmod (pronounced Nay-mod) has performed his inspirational music for over one million people in 45 U.S. states and Canada, selling 100,000 CDs. His poetic and evocative message of peace, love and compassion across all nations, cultures and faiths has found overwhelming acceptance wherever he has performed. He has been featured on cable and radio broadcasts in over 90 countries; at cultural festivals, interfaith and environmental fairs, workshops and conferences, youth rallies, 9/11 services; and as a keynote musical presenter at benefits for such organizations as Habitat For Humanity, Operation USA, Achievable and Anti-Defamation League.*

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