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DONATIONS:

Donations to the Colorado
Peace Studies Endowment
(CPSE) have totaled \$26,000.
Gifts have ranged in size from
\$50 to \$8,000 and have come
from individuals, local
churches and family
foundations. In 2006, CPSE
began sending its annual
earnings of \$1,000 to PACS
for scholarships.

Those wishing to contribute
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Mission

Conflict is ubiquitous in human societies. Understandably the study of conflict has become a major endeavor by academics and professions alike both on and off the Boulder campus. The Certificate Program in Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) is designed to help students explore why conflict and violence occur and learn how conflict can be managed and transformed to accomplish constructive ends. The certificate is granted by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, but any student at the University of Colorado may earn it.

The program objectives:

- Prepare students to contribute to the creation of just, equitable, and peaceful conditions in the world through understanding the complex dynamics of peace and conflict at interpersonal, organizational, societal, and global levels of human interaction.
- Provide students with analytic skills and expression competencies for pursuing careers in human rights, conflict resolution, peace-related endeavors, and more generally, in responsible undertakings in a wide range of professional settings.
- Provide an appropriate academic background for students interested in advanced study in peace and conflict or related fields.

Program

Student Group Formation: This fall the PACS program will be forming a student group that will allow students to be further immersed in and able to discuss peace and conflict studies.

Conflict Resolution Day is October 16, 2008. PACS will join with others on campus in a day long program to show how conflict resolution can help in both public and private situations. As part of this program we will hold an **"Un-debate" October 14th**, where the candidates for the 2nd US Congressional District House seat will participate in a collaborative discussion facilitated by Mary Margaret Golten. www.colorado.edu/peacestudies for details.

Mediation Training: Continuing this year, we will be offering mediation training to all PACS Students through CDR Associates. For more details visit www.mediate.org

Coming This Spring: is Her Majesty Queen Noor. As part of a co-sponsored event with Naropa University, she will participate in a dialogue on Compassionate Leadership exploring how current events shape our leadership ability. Date: TBA

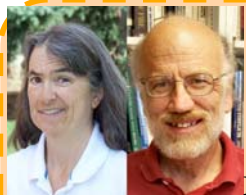
Patricia Lawrence

Pat Lawrence, long time instructor and recipient of the 2007 Peace and Conflict Studies Teaching Award, is presently in Sri Lanka working with the United Nations Equal Access to Justice Program. She is working with a team of ten Tamil-speaking Sri Lankans who are conducting 4000 interviews on legal issues faced by the most vulnerable sectors of the island-nation's population. Pat's role is to document in greater detail the most significant challenges faced by minority Tamils and Muslims. They will be concentrating on interviews with refugees, detainees, land mine injured people, female heads of households, and families that have suffered a quarter century of civil war.

Prior to her work with the UN, she was engaged in a consultancy with the Foundation for Co-Existence in Sri Lanka. She taught field-level human security teams how to write detailed case studies and analysis of their continuous interventions in violent events.

Pat is planning to teach Peace and Conflict Studies PACS 2500 in Spring 2009. She is very pleased that student interest in the PACS program continues to expand at the University of Colorado at Boulder. "This is a positive indication of what we can expect from the new generation of Americans," she happily comments. "The University of Colorado at Boulder now recognizes the present student body's strong interest in peace and conflict studies."





Heidi and Guy Burgess

Heidi and Guy Burgess, PACS instructors, are both highly involved in the world of Peace and Conflict both in the academic world and in the community as well. They run the Online Conflict Information Consortium, a “multi-disciplinary center for research and teaching about conflict and its transformation” and are involved in a number of projects. Currently their time is split between: writing a handbook on Track II Peacemaking for the U.S. Institute of Peace; creating new websites, such as one for Mediators Beyond Borders, and maintaining their two already existing sites CRInfo and Beyond Intractability (which will eventually be replaced with the CETR: Conflict Education & Training Resource program). In addition, they are working on a jobs-portal with the Alliance for Peacebuilding and helping the Association of Conflict Resolution’s Peace Museum Task Force on planning an online peace museum. Also on the agenda is their work with both CARTSS and PACS in hopes of putting on a conference, to be held in 2009, on building a “Culture of Peace”. The conference will “bring together people who approach issues of war and peace from multiple and often conflicting cultural, political, and institutional perspectives.” Biographies for each of them as well as more information on their projects can be found at <http://conflict.colorado.edu/fast-facts.html>

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Alumni



Meg Lally, Graduated in 2004 After graduation in 2004, Meg Lally moved to New Orleans where she taught 4th grade through Teach for America program. During her year, the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina hit. Not discouraged, returned and helped to re-open her school. Over the course of year she was faced with many difficulties including too many kids and not enough supplies or staff members. Continuing with public education, she began teaching at a public charter school last year, KIPP Believe College Prep, which is part of the recovery school district in New Orleans.

Scholarship



Cara Wagner, Cara is currently a Senior, International Affairs major. She received her student scholarship as a sophomore. Her PACS scholarship helped to pay for her Junior year studying abroad. She spent the year in Perugia, Italy studying International Studies and Italian. On campus Cara is involved in Model UN and is part of the Senior Class Council. After graduation she plans to get a degree in international law and a masters in peace studies.

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STAN DEETZ recently traveled to Brazil to present a keynote address to a conference on sustainability and governance and to work with business leaders on processes of community collaboration. In his two weeks in Bello Horizonte, he worked with a number of groups to develop decision making practices that would enhance simultaneous social, ecological and economic sustainability. “The trip was designed to help me learn about how universities, business, NGOs and government are working together in Brazil.” Deetz said. He is currently planning to travel back to Brazil by request of the Brazilian National Chamber of Commerce to work with them and companies such as Vale and Petrobras to further develop and implement new collaborative models. Deetz was also recently named as a Presidential Teaching Scholar by the university.

Smith

PACS has received a generous donation from the Smith family to honor Albert E. Smith. The fund aims at enhancing human survival in the nuclear age. Over the course of 5 years the fund will provide for:

- *PACS Speaker Series*
- *Albert E. Smith Fellow(s)*
- *Work-Study Student*
- *Support for Cultures of Peace Conference*