

PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR PEACE

Peace News December 2010



Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter.

In the light of this month's missile attacks by North Korea, once again the news media are noticing that peace is only ever provisional where it is enforced with military arms.

Australia still has troops in Afghanistan, where over 20 soldiers and countless civilians have died, and still no end to our involvement there is in sight. This month our government stepped up ties with the United States, further opening up military installations to troops. A small but vocal band of peace advocates stood up outside the 2010 Land Warfare Conference in Brisbane to say "No". Seems there is no rest for defenders of peace.

It's been a busy few months for our convenor, Winnifred Louis, who has just taken up Associate Editorship of *Peace and Conflict*, <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/HPCN>

I'll be putting together newsletters and promotions for PFP for the foreseeable future, so please drop me a line if you have any suggestions, news or ideas you think would interest PFP members.

In the lead up to Christmas, please consider some of the wonderful children's books and posters produced by PFP on contemporary peace and conflict resolution issues to help us spread the message of interpersonal peace.

Best wishes for the holiday period,
Kim Stewart for Psychologists for Peace

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Above: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom perform at the International Day of Peace in Brisbane, Sept 21, 2010.

1. PFP News

Peace Project Award nominations NOW OPEN to all 4th year Psych students

A \$500 prize is offered to the winner, a student who has done original research on a peace-related issue. Projects will be judged on their scientific merit and their potential contribution to theory or practice in:

- the peaceful resolution of conflict;
- understanding and preventing aggressive behaviour; and
- the fostering of harmonious relationships whether at global, intergroup or interpersonal levels.

Joanne Frare and Tim Howle were the co-winners of the 2009 Peace Project Award for their research on national identity and ethnocentrism, respectively.

Apply Now! **Closing date for submissions: 5 December 2010**

http://www.groups.psychology.org.au/awards/peace_project/

PFP stall at the Brisbane International Day of Peace Fair

PFP held a stall to support the Youth Peace Parliament and ID of Peace on September 21. It was a lovely day with international dancers, speakers and food. Many stall-goers expressed appreciation for the existence of your PFP group. If you would like to hold a PFP stall at an event near you, let us know what we can do to help.

PFP Convenor appointed editorship to important peace journal

Our favourite convenor, Dr Winnifred Louis, was recently appointed as Associate Editor to *Peace and Conflict*, the Journal of Peace Psychology. Congratulations!

Social Networking: PFP is on Facebook!

Keep up to date with the latest PFP information, and share your own through our new Facebook page. The group is open to everyone: professionals, students, interested members of the public, so feel free to invite all your friends.

Please join and show your support for PFP to the Facebook community.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=101618416556161>

Kiva Psychologists for Peace team at 30 members

Just over 2 years after we started with 3 Queensland members, the Kiva Psychs for Peace time stands at 30 members now, with 347 loans from and to countries all around the world. Great work Michelle for introducing so many of us to the satisfaction of micro-lending! http://www.kiva.org/team/psychologists_for_peace

2. Recent Publications

Vision News

New peace news website to counteract negativity in the media: Vision News is a collaboration between the news agency Inter Press Service Deutschland the 1000 Peace Women Across the Globe and the German Women's Security Council. "There is bad news every day: wars, disasters, violence, poverty and misery on a global scale. We would like to counteract these depressing facts with some hopeful information in the form of Visionews, which will publish success stories and inspiring visions of peace from all over the world, providing encouraging examples of achievements."

<http://www.visionews.net/>

Conflict & Communication Online

Vol. 9 / No. 2 of *Conflict & Communication Online* has been released. In this issue: Anat First *Enemies, fellow victims, or the forgotten? News coverage of Israeli Arabs in the 21st century*; Rousbeh Legatis *Conflict fields of journalistic praxis in Colombia*; Jairo Ordóñez *The possibilities of journalism as peace building on the periphery: The Colombian case*; Stig Arne Nohrstedt & Rune Ottosen *Brothers in arms or peace? The media representation of Swedish and Norwegian defence- and military co-operation*; Denise Sommer & Georg Ruhrmann *Oughts and ideals: Framing people with migration background in TV news*. www.cco.regener-online.de

Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy

...publishes innovative methods and analyses focusing on a central question - Can social scientists understand the causes of peace and how to promote it? In the latest issue: *External Threats and Military Intervention: The United States and the Caribbean Basin* Stephen E. Gent; *The Defense-Growth Relationship: An Economic Investigation into Post-Soviet States* Bruce D. McDonald III and Robert J. Eger III; *Super-Agents and the Problem of Controlling the Dynamics of Regional Arms Races* Alex Coram and Lyle Noakes; *War! What Is It Good For? A Deep Determinants Analysis of the Cost of Interstate Conflict* Steven J. Yamarik, Noel D. Johnson, and Ryan A. Compton and *Labor Market Conditions, Political Events, and Palestinian Suicide Bombings* Edward A. Sayre. <http://www.bepress.com/peps/>

Measuring Peace in the Media

The Institute for Economics and Peace and Media Tenor have released "Measuring Peace in the Media", the first study that takes a fact-based approach into understanding the accuracy of international television networks' coverage of peace, violence and conflict. The study examined 37 news programmes from 23 networks in 17 countries. It concludes that the U.S. media focus on violence and conflict more often than European and Middle east news sources. Al Jazeera was noted as the most balanced coverage of Afghanistan. You can read the entire report here:

<http://www.visionofhumanity.org/info-center/measuring-peace-in-the-media/#/2010/score>

Gender, Conflict and the Millennium Development Goals

To mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Women for Women International have launched the report 'Gender, Conflict and the Millennium Development Goals'. The report finds that violence against women is the single, greatest impediment to development and peace. It explores the implementation of SCR 1325 and the Millennium Development Goals, in light of the tenth year anniversaries of both policy frameworks.

It focuses on five countries at different stages of conflict and recovery - Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Sudan – and is informed by a literature review, interviews with several southern NGOs, and responses to a detailed questionnaire that was disseminated through networks working on gender, peace and security issues. http://www.peacewomen.org/portal_resources_resource.php?id=1104

3. Calls for papers & Conferences

Rhizomes VI: Other Words, Other Worlds Conference, 11-12 Feb 2011, Brisbane, Qld

The School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies (The University of Queensland) created its first annual postgraduate conference in 2005. Deleuze's and Guattari's concept of "rhizomes" was adopted as the conference's overarching theme to emphasize the principles of non-hierarchical connectivity across the broad spectrum of disciplines within the humanities. The aim of these conferences is to bring together current research being carried out broadly within the humanities and to provide a forum for interdisciplinary discussion in a friendly and relaxed but stimulating environment.

<http://www.uq.edu.au/rhizomes>

1st Global Conference Trauma - Theory and Practice , 14-16 March 2011, Prague, Czech Republic

This inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary conference seeks to examine and explore issues surrounding individual and collective trauma, both in terms of practice, theory and lived reality. Trauma studies have emerged from its foundation in psychoanalysis to be a dominant methodology for understanding contemporary events and our reactions to them. Critics have argued that we live in a culture of trauma. Repeated images of suffering and death form



our collective and/or cultural unconscious. This inaugural conference seeks in particular to explore the relation between trauma, memory and identity, both national and collective. <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/evil/trauma/call-for-papers/>

International Conference on Hate Studies, 6-9 April, 2011, Spokane, USA

This conference will convene leading academics, community organizers, and others to discuss hatred from a variety of perspectives. Our theme this year is Interdisciplinary Approaches to Understanding the Nature of Hate. <http://guweb2.gonzaga.edu/againsthate/Conference2011.htm>

8th Global Conference on War & Peace, May 22-24 2011, Warsaw, Poland

The opening decade of the 21st century has seen war assume a number of new forms – new at least in relation to the 20th century. So, for instance, the West's war in Afghanistan is already longer than WW2, and shows no sign of coming to an end; the nature of those engaged in war has widened to include a variety of non-state agents; and war itself has come to include as arguably justifiable tactics and strategies previously either excluded or at least not recognised as legitimate. In short, the distinction between war and peace is becoming increasingly unclear.

The 2011 conference is part of a continuing and explicitly multi- and inter-disciplinary conversation that aims to bring together people from a wide range of disciplines to focus on this centrally significant aspect of our social lives in order better to understand the nature and place of war and peace.

CALL FOR PAPERS DUE: Dec 10, 2010 <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/hostility-and-violence/war-virtual-war-human-security/call-for-papers/>

Third International Conference in Communication and Media Studies, 11-13 April 2012, Famagusta, Cyprus

Conference aims at bringing together scholars to present their research and exchange ideas in a wide range of topics under the general theme of “(Re)Making and Undoing of Peace/Conflict” in communication and media studies.

Organized by: The Center of Research and Communication for Peace in the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies at Eastern Mediterranean University.

CALL FOR PAPERS DUE: May 9, 2010. <http://www.conferencealerts.com/seeconf.mv?q=ca1iax66>

4. Obituary

Brenda Lewis (1924-2010) - Lifelong peace advocate

Excerpted from the Courier Mail, October 28, 2010: “Much of Brenda Lewis's life was spent working for peace and justice, something which no doubt was partly influenced by her tough upbringing on a small farm in Wynnum during the Depression years.



As an artist and writer, Ms Lewis created posters and banners promoting non-violence, human rights and environmental sustainability. Her creations in the name of justice were used by numerous organisations in marches and rallies. One of those rallies took place in New York in 2000 during the World March of Women, which focused on ending women's poverty and violence against women. Her work was held in such high regard she was commissioned by the Miscellaneous Workers Union to paint a huge mural for their rooms at Spring Hill, in inner

Brisbane.

The mural, which highlights peaceful relationships and social interaction, depicts all trades and professions. Ms Lewis used her talents to help many other trade unions over the years, specialising in banners that have been used in a host of May Day processions....

One of her longstanding commitments was to the Queensland branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, which she joined in the 1960s. In recognition of her exceptional service to the organisation, she was made a life member in the early 1990s. Ms Lewis was also nominated for an award in the inaugural Peace Women Awards held earlier this year. As a campaigner for a nuclear free world, she was involved with WILPF and the Campaign Against Nuclear Power in the 1970s and 1980s to fight for nuclear-free zones...

Remembered by her friends and fellow activists and artists as a generous and courageous person, she tried to inspire

others not just through her art and words but through humour and faith in positive outcomes. Ms Lewis is survived by her two sons, Richard and Robert, and her grandchildren Tristan, Byron, Isabella and Damon.”

You can leave a tribute to Brenda online here:

<http://tributes.couriermail.com.au/obituaries/couriermail-au/obituary.aspx?n=brenda-lewis&pid=146269892>

5. In the news



Vandana Shiva wins the 2010 Sydney Peace Prize

Indian social and environmental activists Vandana Shiva was awarded the prestigious Sydney Peace Prize at a ceremony in November. Chair of the Sydney Peace Foundation, Mary Kostakidis says, Vandana Shiva’s work highlights the fundamental connection between human rights and the protection of the environment. Shiva has recently published a new book *Soil Not Oil*.
http://www.sydneypeacefoundation.org.au/images/2010/2010_Shiva_Press_Release.pdf

Australian Sue Gibley, wins Bremen Peace Award, Germany

Adelaide woman Sue Gibley has won the International Bremen Peace Award in the individual category of Unknown Peace Worker, nominated by the Australian Peace Committee. She was recognised for her work transcribing interviews at the Refugee Tribunal. The Unknown Peace Worker category “targets at finding out less conspicuous projects or dedicated individuals contributing to peace, justice and integrity of the creation, with a special emphasis on unconventional initiatives at the grassroots level of contributing to peace.”

<http://www.greenleft.org.au/node/43023> <http://www.dieschwelle.de/index.php?id=31&L=1>

A Year of Nonviolent Resistance to War: Melbourne Peace Activist Simon Moyle Reflects

Peace activist Simon Moyle talks about his work in 2010 after his recent acquittal for trespass in protest of the war in Afghanistan at Swan Island Military Base near Geelong in June this year.

<http://indymedia.org.au/2010/11/29/charges-dismissed-for-swan-island-activists> On conclusion of the hearing, Magistrate Carlin said: “I am satisfied that everyone involved did so out of a conscientious and heartfelt effort. I am satisfied that everyone has a respect for the law...but felt a greater duty to do what they can to stop war, and persuade the Government to stop war and are prepared to accept the consequences.” <http://vimeo.com/17353939>

6. PFP Merchandise

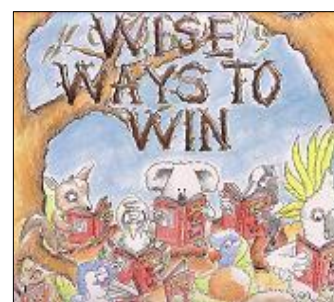


With Christmas just weeks away, it's not too late to spread peace and joy with a Psychologists for Peace gift!

We have the PFP prize winning children's book “Wise Ways to Win” and educational posters themed on issues including bullying, dealing with anger, how to

say sorry, peaceful families and conflict resolution, all brightly illustrated and easy to understand.

<http://www.groups.psychology.org.au/pfp/resources/educational/>



7. Events and activities

Sign on to Amnesty's call for equal rights for Iranian women

“As a woman in Iran, you could never be president. You couldn’t apply for a passport or leave your house without your husband’s permission. In court your testimony counts for only half that of a man.”

http://www.amnesty.org.au/action/action/24220/?&utm_source=iranwomen1&utm_medium=email-sf&utm_content=take+action

Urge parliamentarians to ditch archaic abortion laws in Queensland

GetUp are running a letter writing campaign to have Queensland abandon archaic abortion laws that were recently

overturned in court. GetUp say that "72% of Queen slanders -- an overwhelming majority -- now believe that abortion should be removed from the criminal code."
<http://www.getup.org.au/campaign/womenarenotcriminals?dc=1456,7741,2>

Peace Convergence calls for volunteer psychologist

The Peace Convergence is an biannual community camp that draws peace advocates from around Australia to Yeppoon in central Queensland where the Australian-US joint war games, Talisman Sabre, are held. The TS games are the biggest military operation outside of the field of war and are held in the Great Barrier Reef and Shoalwater Bay. The PC is asking for a peace psychologist to be involved in the 2011 camp to offer conflict resolution skills and as a speaker on peace psychology at a public forum that will be held in the week 18 to 29 July 2011. Contact Robin on 0411 113787 if you are interested. <http://www.peaceconvergence.com>

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day, March 8, 2011, Globally

You are invited to participate in the creation of an extraordinary global multi-media event to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day, on March 8, 2011, and the transformative power of women in global society. This unprecedented global gathering of millions of women celebrating in cities around the world will be joined by viewers in over 100 countries in a global campfire' to see the world through women's eyes. Imagine! A million women in Washington Mall, and the opening ceremonies at Hollywood Bowl, (just days after the Oscars) with satellite link ups to concerts around the world - Mumbai, London, Rio de Janeiro, Kigali, and two-way satellite link ups to 2,000 International Women's Day events. Our mission is to ignite a global movement to advance the leadership role of women by empowering women and girls with education and economic opportunity, and to raise much needed funds to achieve these goals. We expect to raise Hundreds of millions of dollars to go to grassroots women's organizations. It could well be the most significant humanitarian campaign in modern history..

We are looking for 1000 passionate women to form the 1000 Friends of Women's Day Live! donating \$1,000 each . We invite men and women together to be part of the Women's Day Live Founding Circle. For more information <http://www.womensdaylive.com/index.html>

8. Contact Us

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PFP is an Interest Group of the Australian Psychological Society. Its members are psychologists, and others, who are concerned about the prevalence of war and conflict in our world and are interested in applying their professional skills to issues relating to promoting peace and preventing war. We are working to promote peace in the world and prevent conflict through psychological research, education and advocacy. <http://www.groups.psychology.org.au/pfp/>



Above: Peace advocates put on a dramatic display and outside the November 2010 Land Warfare Conference in Brisbane attended by some of the world's biggest arms manufacturers including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, British Aerospace, Raytheon and KBR (Halliburton).