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Peace Matters:
A Forum on the Discipline and Practice of Peace and Conflict Studies
May 11-12, 2007
Mershon Center for International Security Studies
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Conference Agenda

Friday, May 11, 2007

9:30-10 a.m. – Welcoming Remarks
Richard Herrmann, Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
Chadwick Alger, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Public Policy, Mershon Center for International Security Studies

10-11:30 a.m. – Panel 1: Core Curriculum and Fundamental Knowledge in the Field of Peace and Conflict Studies
Chair: Richard Herrmann, Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
Panelists: Pamela Aall, Vice President for Education, United States Institute of Peace
Patrick G. Coy, Director of the Center for Applied Conflict Management and Associate Professor of the Center for Applied Conflict Management and the Political Science Department at Kent State University
B. Welling Hall, Professor of Politics and International Studies and Convener of International Studies at Earlham College

11:30-12:30 p.m. – Lunch

12:30-2 p.m. – Panel 2: Retaining Coherence and Focus in a Multidisciplinary Peace and Conflict Studies Program
Chair: Richard Herrmann, Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
Panelists: Matthew Evangelista, Director of the Peace Studies Program and Professor in the Department of Government at Cornell University
Joyce Neu, Executive Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Professor of Practice at the University of San Diego, and Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace
Stan Deetz, Director of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program and Professor of Communication at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

2-2:30 p.m. – Break

2:30-4 p.m. – Panel 3: Innovative Endeavors to Move Peace and Conflict Studies Forward on U.S. Campuses
Chair: Julie Clemens, Peace Studies Coordinator, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
Panelists: Beth Fisher-Yoshida, Associate Director of the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Teachers College, Columbia University
George Lopez, Professor of Political Science and Senior Fellow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame
Kathleen Maas Weigert, Executive Director of the Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching and Service, and Research Professor, Sociology and Anthropology and Program on Justice and Peace at Georgetown University

4 p.m. – Closing Remarks
Richard Herrmann, Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Saturday, May 12, 2007

10-10:30 a.m. – Welcoming Remarks
Richard Herrmann, Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
Chadwick Alger, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Public Policy, Mershon Center for International Security Studies

10:30-11:30 a.m. – Session 1: Using Conflict Transformation Theory in Practice
Speaker: Joyce Neu, Executive Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Professor of Practice at the University of San Diego, and Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace

11:30-11:45 a.m. – Break

11:45-1 p.m. – Session 2: Practitioners for Peace: Progress and Problems
Chair: Chadwick Alger, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Public Policy, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
Panel: Rev. Christopher Cottrell, Director of the Interfaith Center for Peace
Julie Hart, Reservist with Christian Peacemaker Teams and Associate Professor of Sociology and Peace and Justice Studies, Ohio Dominican University
David Jehnsen, Chair and Founding Trustee, Institute for Human Rights & Responsibilities
Maggie Lewis, Associate Director, Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution & Conflict Management
Rev. Deb Oskin, President, Central Ohioans for Peace

1-2 p.m. – Lunch

2-3:30 p.m. – Session 3: Toward Application of Peace Research: An Academic/Practitioner Dialogue
Chair: Chadwick Alger, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Public Policy, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
Panel: B. Welling Hall, Professor of Politics and International Studies and Convener of International Studies at Earlham College and Policy Committee Recording Clerk for the Friends Committee on National Legislation
Antoinette Errante, Associate Professor of Social and Cultural Foundations in the College of Education and Human Ecology at The Ohio State University
Matthew Evangelista, Director of the Peace Studies Program and Professor in the Department of Government at Cornell University

3:30 p.m. – Closing Remarks
Richard Herrmann, Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies