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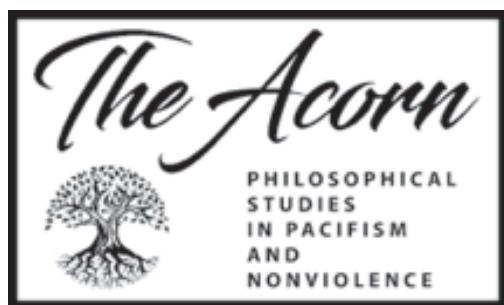
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Welcome



Wendy Kroeker

Dear PJSA members, colleagues and friends,

Welcome to Canadian Mennonite University and the Menno Simons College campus. We welcome you to our two campuses in Winnipeg for this 2019 annual PJSA conference. Our theme this year, "Local Alignments, Global Upheavals," is inspired by the coinciding centenary celebration of the Winnipeg General Strike and seeks to draw out discussion regarding the range of challenges and opportunities we face in our communities and globally on a daily basis.

This year's conference will create a wide variety of spaces for our community of scholars, activists, practitioners and advocates working for peace and justice. We will examine current trends and ideas and speak out of life experiences as a way to explore peaceful approaches for guiding social change while challenging the legitimacy of violent systems, re-asserting Indigenous jurisdiction, and ensuring safety and sanctuary for vulnerable peoples and refugees experiencing forced migration and internal persecution. We have an agenda full of provocative and thoughtful speakers who will push and inspire our thinking. We, your hosts, are excited to host these conversations and are hopeful that each of us will depart with our heads full of new ideas and hearts that have been moved, lodged in a context of expanded networks of support. There are many people to thank.

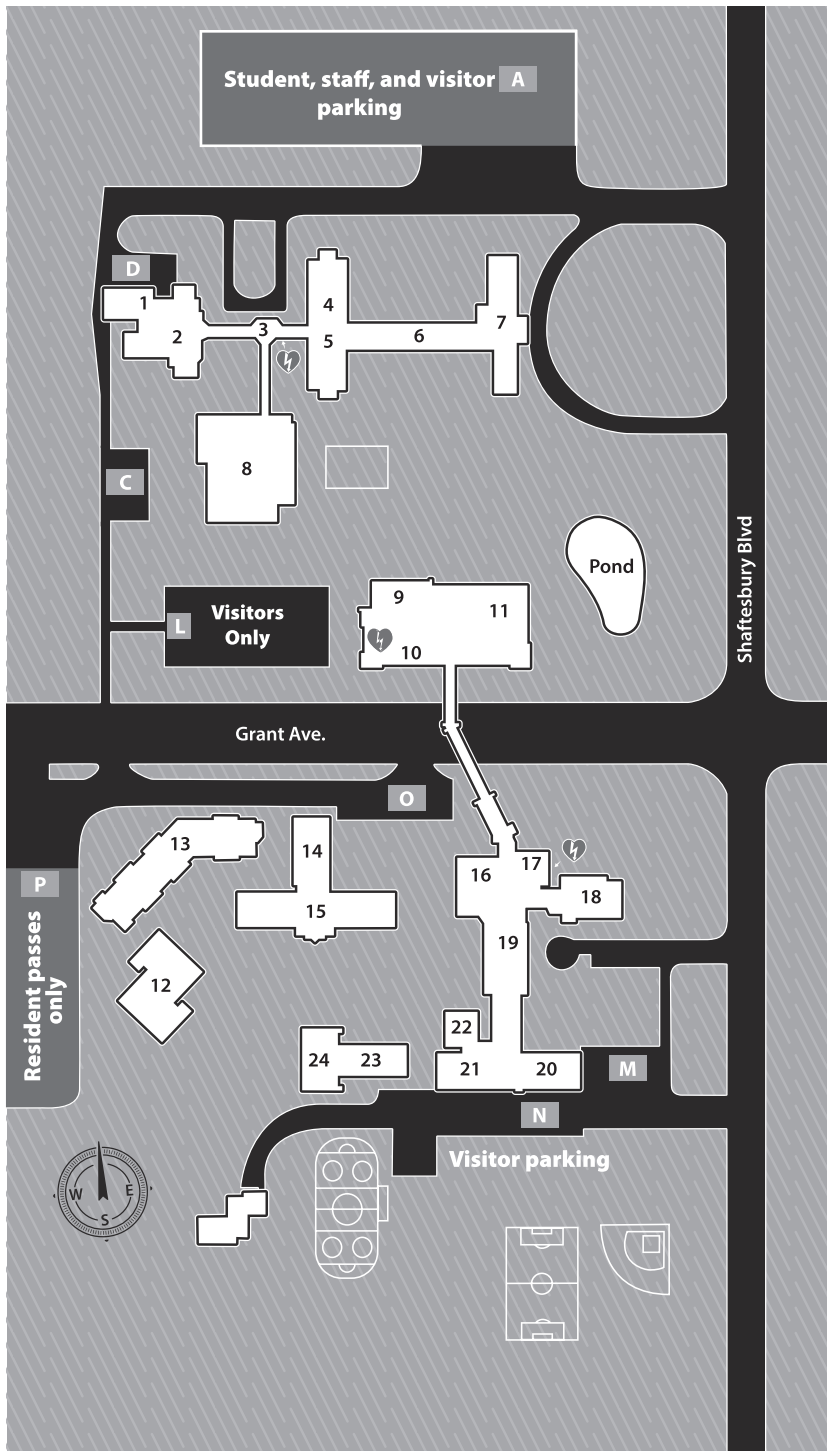
Our PJSA executive director, Michael Loadenthal, has ably led our local planning committee – which includes Jodi Dueck-Read, Neil Funk-Unrau, Evelyn Voight and Mahdis Azarmandi – through the hoops of conference planning. Swasti Bhattacharyya has once again taken up the auction with great energy. Jobb Arnold, Julie Hyde and Edmund Pries stepped in whenever asked. Many people have engaged in the planning of the three plenary sessions as speakers, moderators, emcees, musicians and elders.

We hope you enjoy the conference, build relationships and emerge with new ideas and zest for the challenges of our peace and justice work.

Wendy Kroeker
PJSA Conference Chair

Campus Information

- Events will occur both at the University of Winnipeg/ Menno Simons College (MSC) and Canadian Mennonite University (CMU)
- Wireless @ CMU: Network is named "CMU wifi" and the password is "Wireless@CMU".
- Wireless @ MSC: Network is named "UW-WIRELESS" and the password is "19PortageCommons20".
- ATM @ CMU: Just over the north side of the bridge crossing Grant Ave (see campus map)
- ATM @ MSC: 515 Portage in Ashdown Hall
- Printing @ CMU: Computer terminals are available in the library (#11 on map) and are connected to printers. You need to supply your own paper. The library is open Mon-Thur 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-5pm.
- Printing nearby @ MSC: Staples at Portage Place Shopping Center (393 Portage Ave)
- Parking @ CMU: Lot A (for Thursday board meeting), Lot N (for Friday night keynote)
- Parking @ MSC: Lots are located directly behind MSC building at 546 Portage Ave and 279 Spence Street (daily 6 am-6 pm parking available for \$9.00). Street parking is also available but limited to certain hours/day.



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9. folio café
10. CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre
11. Library

South Side

12. Katherine Friesen Apartments
13. Concord Hall
14. Dining Hall
15. Poettcker Hall
16. South Side Reception
17. Conference Room
18. MC Canada, MC Manitoba Offices
19. Classrooms/Hosting Department
20. Chapel
21. Lecture Hall
22. Science Lab
23. Library Reserve (lower level)
24. Mennonite Archives and Gallery

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- A** Student, staff, visitor
- C, L** 2-hr visitor parking only
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Dining

Downtown conference area restaurants/bars

- The Forks: 25-minute walk; has lots of breakfast, lunch and dinner options; outdoor bar; open 7 days a week
- Osborne Village neighbourhood: variety of restaurants and bars. Just google the neighbourhood for about 15-minute walk from Menno Simons College/University of Winnipeg
- Stella's at Plug In, The Buhler Centre
- Elements, Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex
- Riddell Hall Cafeteria, Centennial Building

Breakfast options

- The Don, 120 Donald, Fri/Sat/Sun 7a.m.–3:30p.m.
- Thom Bargaen coffee, 250 Kennedy St., Friday 7a.m.–5p.m., Saturday 8a.m.–5p.m., Sunday Closed
- Second Cup Coffee, 254 Edmonton St., Friday 6:30a.m.–9p.m., Saturday 8a.m.–8p.m., Sunday 8a.m.–5p.m.
- Tim Hortons, 434 Portage Ave, Fri/Sat 6a.m.–10p.m., Sunday 9a.m.–12a.m.
- Stella's Osborne Village, 166 Osborne St, Fri/Sat/Sun 8a.m.–3p.m.
- Stella's at Plug In, 460 Portage Avenue, 7am - 10pm everyday
- Hotel restaurants

Lunch/dinner options

- Banh Mi King Vietnamese Eatery, 510 Portage Avenue, Fri 11 AM – 9 PM, Sat – Sun: 12 P.M – 9 P.M
- Little Korea, 519 Ellice Ave, Fri/Sat: 11 A.M – 9 P.M, Sun: 1:30 A.M – 9 P.M
- Shawarma Xpress, 393 Portage Ave., Friday, 10 AM – 9 PM, Saturday – Sunday 10 AM - 6 PM
- Shaba Thai Cuisine, 561 Portage Avenue, Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m., Saturday: 4:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Sunday: 4:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- Kokeb Ethiopian restaurant, 266 Edmonton Street, (veg. lunch buffet), Friday: 11:30a.m.–9p.m., Saturday: 12–9p.m., Sunday 12–9p.m.
- Harman's Ethiopian, 570 Sargent Avenue, Friday: 9a.m.–2p.m., 4–8p.m., Saturday: 9a.m.–2p.m., 4–8p.m., Sunday: Closed
- Pho Hoang Restaurant, 235 Portage Ave., Friday: 11a.m.–10p.m., Saturday: 11a.m.–10p.m., Sunday: 11a.m.–9p.m.
- Rudy's restaurant and bar, 375 Graham Avenue, Fri 11 am to close, Sat 5 pm to close
- Merchant Kitchen, 314 Donald Street, Friday: 11:30 am-late, Saturday: 5pm-late
- Khao Restaurant at the Good Will Social Club and Bar, 625 Portage Avenue, Weekdays (Mon-Fri) 11:00am - Late* Weekends (Sat+Sun) 2:00pm - Late*
- Homer's Greek Restaurant, 520 Ellice Ave, FRI: 11:30am-9:30pm, SAT: 4:00pm-9:30pm (gluten free options)
- Sushi Gen, 500 Portage Ave, Fri/Sat 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Sorrento's, 529 Ellice Ave., Fri/Sat: 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM, Sunday: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (gluten free pizza available)
- Elephant & Castle Pub, Delta Hotel, Fri/Sat 11a.m.–2a.m., Sunday 11a.m.–12a.m.
- Chosabi, 520 Portage Ave, Fri-Sat 11 a.m. - 8pm (lots of gf options)
- Opa! 480 Portage Ave., Friday 10a.m.–10p.m., Saturday 10a.m.–9p.m., Sunday 11a.m.–8p.m.

Grocery stores: close at 6pm Sunday

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- Food Fare: 905 Portage Ave (20 min walk)
- Downtown Family Foods (15 min walk)



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Daily Schedule

Thursday October 3rd

- **9:00-5:00 pm:** PJSA Board Meeting (Large Boardroom, North campus, CMU)
- **7:00 pm:** PJSA Board dinner

Friday October 4th – Pre-Conference Events:

- **8:30-10:00 am:** PJSA & PACS-Can board member joint meeting (MSC Boardroom)
- **10:00-11:30 am:** PACS-Can AGM (MSC Boardroom)
- **2:00-4:00 pm:** Winnipeg 1919 General Strike Walking Tour (tour departs from Exchange District)
- **9:30-12:30 pm:** Morning tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (and The Forks)
- **1:00-4:00 pm:** Afternoon tour of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (and The Forks)
- **3:00-6:30 pm:** Registration Table Open (at MSC)
- **7:00 pm:** Opening Keynote with Margo Tamez, "Truthing and Naming Cataclysms, Unspeakables, and Upsurgency through a DeneNde' Poetics and Politics of Belonging", chaired by Wendy Kroecker, with opening remarks by G.Michelle Collins-Sibley (CMU Chapel)
- Shuttle available from hotels to keynote, and back to hotel following keynote [ticket required]

Saturday, October 5

- **8:00-10:30 am:** Registration Table Open (at MSC)
- **8:30-10:00 am:** Panels/Workshops/Discussion concurrent sessions
- **Saturday, 10:00 am:** Morning coffee break and snacks will be provided at Menno Simons College (Student Lounge, 2nd floor) and MSC office (1st floor entrance)

[Panel 1A] The Colonial & the Post-Colonial (Chair: Neil Funk-Unrau) (Location: 2MS12)

- The Canadian Reconciliation Barometer Project: Tracking Reconciliation Between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples (Katherine Starzyk, University of Manitoba)
- No More Prisoners of Radicalism: Leonard Peltier's and Ahmad Mansour's Critiques of Institutional Containment and Their Transcultural Efforts for Post-Colonial Peace (Atalie Gerhard, Saarland University)
- Is it possible to recognize and heal the aftermath of internal colonialism through music education in Mexico? (Héctor Vázquez, University of Victoria)

Saturday, October 5 (Cont.)

[Panel 1B] A Mid-East Peace? (Chair: Nathan Funk) (Location: 1MS16)

- After the Arab Spring and the Nativist Stumble: Pathways of Change for Middle Eastern and North American Civic Movements (Nathan Funk, University of Waterloo)
- IfNotNow: Local Mobilizations to Address Global Conflict (Maya Adelman Cabral, University of Chicago)
- GAZA, The Strip Where Many Worlds Fit Exploring Border Thinking, Pluriversality, and Decoloniality in the Gaza Strip (Alexis Sutterman, Chapman University)

[Panel 1C] Art & Peacemaking (Chair: Polly Walker) (Location: 1L06)

- Designing a Global Infrastructure for Arts, Culture and Conflict Transformation: Results of the IMPACT Project (Polly Walker, Juniata College)
- "But peace, like a poem, / is not there ahead of itself": Longing for Peace with Poetry (Cynthia Wallace, St. Thomas More College)
- Progressive Performers in the #MeToo Era: Promoting Retribution or Redemption? (Laura Finley, Barry University)

[Panel 1D] Peace Education (Chair: Ellen Lindeen) (Location: 1L07)

- Empowering Peace Education: Practicing What We Preach in a Peace Studies Classroom (Jim Handley, University of Wisconsin)
- Sustainable Peacebuilding in a Rapidly Changing World: Holistic, Evolving Aspects of Peace, Nonviolence, & Community Engagement (Linda Groff, California State University)
- There IS Another Way: Educating for Social Action and Engagement (Donna Jean McInnis, Soka University)
- **10:30-12:00 pm:** Panels/Workshops/Discussion concurrent sessions

[Panel 2A] A University Framework for Peacebuilding: Teaching, Practice & Research in a Global Context (Chair: Carol K. Coburn) (Location: 2MS12)

- Teaching Peacebuilding in a Global Context (Francis Origanti, Avila University)
- Building Peace across Campus and the Community (Arica Maurer, Avila University)
- Threading Peace and Nonviolence through Community Networks (Ken Parsons, Avila University)

[Panel 2B] Armed and Unarmed Peacekeeping (Chair: Tim Donais) (Location: 1MS16)

- "Yes, but where are your guns?" Public perceptions of unarmed civilian peacekeepers/protectors: A review of the literature (Randy Janzen, Selkirk College)
- Protection of Civilians and Peacekeeping's Accountability Paradox (Timothy Donais, Wilfrid Laurier University)
- Indigenous Ways of Avoiding War: Lessons from Local Practices in the Armed Conflict 2007-9 in Malakand Division, Pakistan (Sanaullah, University Mardan)

[Panel 2C] Human Rights & Education (Chair: Sandra Krahn) (Location: 1L06)

- Child Labour In Nigeria: Human Rights Education In Perspective (Oluwaseun Olanrewaju, Academics Stand Against Poverty West Africa)
- Political Restructuring, Bureaucratisation and Minority groups in Myanmar. The Case of Rohingya from 2011 (Hilary Nare, Rhodes University)
- Re-Imagining Peace and Activism Across Borders: Child Migrants in Children's Literature (Susana S. Martinez, DePaul University)

Saturday, October 5 (Cont.)

[Roundtable 2D] “Are we the Settlers?”: Learning Conflict, Justice & Truth Globally & Locally (Amy Finnegan, University of St. Thomas) (Location: 1L07)

- **12:30-2:00 pm:** Plenary: Intergenerational Activism & Sustaining the Struggle featuring Geraldine “Gramma” Shingoose, Niigaan Sinclair, Sarah Fontaine-Sinclair and Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie, Opening remarks by Steve Heinrichs (**Bag Lunch provided, Riddell Hall**)
- **2:30-4:00 pm:** Panels/Workshops/Discussion concurrent sessions

[Panel 3A] Reimagining Peace & Justice Through Accountability, Transnational Activism, Sanctuary Movements, & Decentralizing Power (Chair: Zulfiya Tursunova) (Location: 2MS12)

- Responding to the Cultural Violence of Meth: Building Coherence and Accountability Amidst Crises in Winnipeg (Jobb Arnold, Menno Simons College)
- Refugees as Transnational Activists: The Women’s League of Burma (Anna Snyder, Menno Simons College)
- The Crisis of the European Policies and Its Impact on Refugees in Greece (Stephanie Stobbe, Menno Simons College)
- Citizen-led Sanctuary Movements in North Carolina in the Context of Forced Displacement of Refugees (Zulfiya Tursunova, Guilford College)
- Poetry as nonviolent peace force against state oppression (Cynthia James, Guilford College)

[Panel 3B] Collective Trauma & Mental Health (Chair: Jeremy Rinker) (Location: 1MS16)

- Socio-Psychological Effects of Violent Conflicts on Children: The Syrian Case (Ali Askerov, UNC-Greensboro)
- Mental health and peace building: Perspectives from Canada and Ukraine (Maureen P. Flaherty, University of Manitoba)
- Local Truth-Telling and Global Shift in Discourse: Towards a Trauma-informed Transitional Justice Practice. (Jeremy Rinker, UNC-Greensboro)

[Panel 3C] Peace & the Academy (Chair: Amy Finnegan) (Location: 1L06)

- Indigenous students’ experiences with racism at the University of Manitoba (Iloradanon Efimoff, University of Manitoba)
- Reimagining a Feminist Peace Studies (Amy Finnegan & Laura Kvasnicka, University of St. Thomas)
- Indigenous History at Miami University (Caitlin Marsengill, Miami University in Oxford, Ohio)
- Lessons learned from Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS): Finding solutions for “economic inclusion” challenges for Migrant Professionals (Alka Kumar, University of Manitoba)

[Workshop 3D] De-Colonizing Pedagogies (Joy Meeker & Amanda Smith Byron, Saybrook University) (Location: 1L07)

Saturday, 4:00 pm: Coffee and snacks will be provided in Riddell Hall.

- **4:30-5:30 pm:** Membership Meeting (**Snacks provided, meeting in Riddell Hall**)
- **6:00-7:00 pm:** Workshops/Discussion concurrent sessions

[Workshop 4A] Growing Roots of Peace: A Muslim, a Jew, a Quaker, Compassionate Listening & Dialogue about Israel & Palestine (Izzeddin Hawamda, University of Manitoba, Sam Kroft & Karen Ridd, Menno Simons College) (Location: 2MS12)

[Workshop 4B] Building Resistance: Embedding Nonviolence Theory & Artistic Activism into the Classroom (Patricia Romano & Kim Simard, Dawson College) (Location: 1MS16)

Saturday, October 5 (Cont.)

[Workshop 4C] Understanding Trauma & Trauma Healing Tools for Conflict Resolvers (Rachel M. Goldberg, DePauw University) (Location: 1L06)

[Roundtable 4D] Peace & Conflict Pedagogy in Times of Global Upheaval: Are We Having the Right Conversations? (Alison Castel, Regis University, Michael English, University of Colorado – Boulder, Amanda Guidero, Creighton University) (Location: 1L07)

Dinner on your own (options provided)

9:00 pm: PACS-Can Pub night – Everyone is welcome to join! You don't need to be Canadian...but, if you are, don't miss it, and if you aren't, come to chat about current Canadian issues" over a pint. (Location: Shannon's Irish Pub, 175 Carlton Street [downstairs], close to conference hotels)

Sunday, October 6

• **8:30-10:00 am:** Panels/Workshops/Discussion concurrent sessions

[Panel 5A] Contemporary Resistance (Chair: Michael Loadenthal) (Location: 2MS12)

- Communities Ablaze: Contemporary Antifa and Nonviolent Antifascism (Catriona Hanley, Loyola University)
- Yes to Peace, No to NATO! Past and Present Resistance to the Atlantic Alliance (Tamara Lorincz, Wilfrid Laurier University)
- Terrorization, Felonization, and Riotization: A contemporary legislative genealogy (Michael Loadenthal, Miami University of Oxford)

[Panel 5B] The Arts & Humanities in Peacebuilding (Chair: Mike Klein) (Location: 1MS16)

- Three Strategies of Musical Revitalization as Peacebuilding in Cambodia's Musical Renaissance (Paul D. Greene, Penn State University)
- Violence is a failure of imagination: Learning from the arts to advance peace studies pedagogy from critical social analysis to creative social change (Mike Klein + 2 student presenters TBD, University of St. Thomas)

[Panel 5C] Climate Action (Chair: Christopher Hrynkow) (Location: 1L06)

- Stories of Relation, Resistance and Resilience: Transformative Counter Narratives in the Environmental Justice Movement (Sheena Cameron, University of Toronto)
- Placing Peace Ecology and (Re)Conciliation in Central Saskatchewan: Crafting the Work of Communities Inspired for Environmental Action (Christopher Hrynkow, St. Thomas More College)
- Engaging Non-Indigenous Canadians in Fulfilling First Nations Water Rights: Social Psychological Barriers & Advocacy Strategies (Katelin H. S. Neufeld, University of Manitoba)

[Panel 6A] Social Justice, Adaptive Peacebuilding (Chair: Sean Byrne) (Location: 2MS12)

- Introduction: Social Justice Adaptive Peacebuilding (Sean Byrne, University of Manitoba)
- Beneath Peacekeeping in Africa's natural resource rich nations: DR Congo (Evelyn Mayanja Namakula, University of Manitoba)
- Co-Researching Quantitative Positive Peace Measurables for Increased Impact (Preston Lindsey, University of Manitoba)
- How Local can the "Local turn" be? (Surulola Eke & Sean Byrne, University of Manitoba)

Sunday, October 6 (Cont.)

- The Illusion of Justice and Local Participation in Peace Processes: Examining Negative Peace and Injustice from Within (Oluchi Ogbu & Stephane Patrick, University of Manitoba)
- Social entrepreneurship as an empowering process of addressing structural injustice in indigenous communities of Canada (Ireoluwatomi 'Tomi' Oloke, University of Manitoba)
- Environmental Peacebuilding and the Role of Civil Society in the Israeli/Palestinian Double-Conflict (Ane Cristina Figueiredo, University of Manitoba)

[Panel 6B] The Canadian Department Of Peace & Peace Professionals – Significant Tools For Re-imagining Peace (Chair: Evelyn Voigt) (Location: 1MS16)

- Introduction and Rationale (Evelyn Voigt, Civilian Peace Service Canada)
- Methodology and Peace Educators as Pioneers (Gord Breedyk, Civilian Peace Service Canada)
- The Canadian Department of Peace (Victor Kliewer, University of Manitoba)

[Panel 6C] Theorizing Peace (Chair: Michael Kilburn) (Location: 1L06)

- Living in post-Truth: Anti-Politics and the Power of the Powerless in the 21st century (Michael Kilburn, Endicott College)
- Localized Partnership: An alternative to tribalism, globalism, and individualism (Joshua Richert, Canadian Mennonite University)
- Anger in War, Anger in Peace (Gordon Fellman, Brandeis University)
- Cyber Kurt Lewin: Why Topological Analysis Matters More than Ever (Jobb Arnold, Menno Simons College)

[Workshop 6D] Walls to Bridges: Transforming Lives Through Prison Education (Ashley Hayward, University of Winnipeg) (Location: 1L07)

- **Sunday, 10:00 am:** Morning coffee break and snacks will be provided at Menno Simons College (Student Lounge, 2nd floor) and MSC office (1st floor entrance)
- **12:30-2:00 pm:** PJSA Awards Ceremony & Silent Auction (Hot lunch provided, Riddell Hall)
- **2:30-4:00 pm:** Panels/Workshops/Discussion concurrent sessions

[Panel 7A] Autoethnographies of Peace, Legitimacy, Jurisdiction, & Authority (Chair: Wim Laven) (Location: 2MS12)

- Autoethnography in Peace Research: Can Bearing Witness and Being Witnessed Bring Healing and Reconciliation? (Roy Tamashiro, Webster University)
- My Mere Existence is a Form of Resistance (G. Michelle Collins-Sibley, University of Mount Union)
- From Object to Subject: Teaching contentious politics while indicted (Michael Loadenthal, Miami University of Oxford)
- How my life has prepared me to work for climate change (Gordie Fellman, Brandeis University)
- Think Globally, Act Locally: Applied Learning in Peace Studies (Susan Cushman, Nassau Community College/SUNY)

Sunday, October 6 (Cont.)

[Panel 7B] Ecology, the Environment & Food (Chair: Jobb Arnold) (Location: 1MS16)

- From Food Security to Food Justice: Educating for action at a community college (Deborah Adelman & Shamili Ajgaonkar, College of DuPage)
- Environmental Injustices in the Inner City (Meekael Hailu, Miami University of Oxford)
- Smoke and Mirrors on the Water Crisis in Canada? (Heidi Lamb, University of Waterloo)

[Panel 7C] Learning from Indigeneity (Chair: Polly Walker) (Location: 1L06)

- Multicultural and Intersectional Identity and Solidarity in Local and Global Contexts (Joel Federman, Saybrook University)
- Settler Responsibility in Addressing the Harms of Colonization, A Restorative Approach (Beth Stuppel, Selkirk College)
- **3:00-5:00 pm:** “The World is My Country” Documentary Film screening (off site @ Canadian Museum for Human Rights)
- Human Rights Lawyer David Gallup will introduce the film and facilitate a discussion afterwards. “The World Is My Country” presents the extraordinary true story of Garry Davis, a Broadway comedian and B-17 bomber pilot who, compelled by the pain of war, gives up his national citizenship, and sparks a huge people-power movement that draws Albert Einstein, Albert Camus and a cast of thousands into an amazing journey that Martin Sheen calls “a roadmap to a better future.”
- **4:30-6:00 pm:** Closing Plenary examining diversity, inclusion, and accessibility, “Building For Peace and Justice, Surpassing the Sum of Our Parts” featuring Hector Vazquez, Ynestra King, Pradeep Dhakal (invitation accepted, pending VISA approval), and a member of the Gallaudet University community, chaired by Elavie Ndura, and with opening remarks by Matt Meyer.

***Unless otherwise stated, meals are on your own**

***Please bring your own travel mug for coffee**



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Featured/Invited Speakers



Pradeep Dhakal

Is from Syangja, Nepal. He completed his PhD in Arts from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India in 2010. He worked as a Lecturer in Tribhuvan University and later on he joined Social-Service sector to serve needy and poor people. Now, he works as the Chief (Member Secretary) of the Pashupati Area Development Trust, one of the prestigious position appointed by Government of Nepal. He has written several books, including 'The Forlorn Journey', 'The Quest', 'Mero Nepal: Shanti ra Samridhiko Margama'. He is the Co-Editor of a book 'Nonkilling Spiritual Traditions' published by Center for Global Nonkilling, Hawaii, USA. Pradeep has made many international presentations in various countries in the world and written hundreds of articles for Nepalese/ International Newspapers/ Journals. Pradeep is also working as the Director of Chetanalaya Institute, Nepal. Pradeep is serving as Member of International Peace Research Association (IPRA). He is also involved with the movement of Center for Global Nonkilling, Hawaii, USA.



Thomas Horejes

Is the Associate Provost for Student Success at Gallaudet University, and prior, was Executive Director for Deaf Empowerment Awareness Foundation (DEAF, Inc), a deaf-centric non-profit advocacy organization serving deaf & hearing communities on communication access. He holds a Ph.D. (2009) in Justice Studies at Arizona State University – his training at Arizona State examines current social justice issues, such as human rights against a backdrop of legal systems, law and culture to create meaningful, real-world impact through public policy and systems change. Prior, he taught at Gallaudet University for 4 years (2010 – 2014) with the Department of Sociology. Academically, Dr. Horejes has over eight years of teaching in higher education, thirteen peer-reviewed published articles including a book on deaf education by Gallaudet University Press.



Sadie-Phoenix Lavoie

Is an Anishinaabe Two-Spirit from Sagkeeng First Nation. They graduated in 2017 with a BA in Indigenous Studies and Political Science at the University of Winnipeg. They are currently the Community Coordinator at Wa Ni Ska Tan: An Alliance of Hydro-Impacted Communities, and Co-Founder of Red Rising Magazine, which gives Indigenous youth a platform to share their perspectives and experiences to a broad audience without censorship. Sadie-Phoenix goes by They/Them pronouns. Sadie-Phoenix worked on numerous on student led initiatives including the Indigenous Course Requirement and the Fossil Fuel Divestment Campaign, as well attended the UN COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco on behalf of the Canadian Climate Youth Coalition. Sadie-Phoenix has participated and organized numerous community events, rallies, marches with a focus around Indigenous rights, systemic racism and colonialism, Indigenous climate justice and youth empowerment.



Geraldine 'Gramma' Shingoose

60, is a familiar face in Winnipeg's Indigenous community as an activist and elder. When there's an important event in Winnipeg's Indigenous community, Gerry Shingoose is there — often at the front, with a prayer, a pipe, a drum, an open heart and exactly the right words. Geraldine Shingoose was just five years old when two cars pulled up to her home near Hudson Bay, Sask. One was a police car and the other carried people from the Muskowekwan residential school who had come to take her, her older sister, Darlene, and their older brother, George, to the residential school near Lestock. Shingoose, who testified twice before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and has visited schools to share her story with students, was finally able to escape residential school when she was 13. Gerry Shingoose eventually reconnected with her father, who revived her awareness of her culture. It was the Idle No More movement, though, that Shingoose said helped her reconnect to her culture and find her strength when she was faltering.



Sarah Fontaine-Sinclair (Anishinaabe: Nimizhien-nibikwe)

meaning "the light that dances on the water." She is an award-winning speaker who advocates for our environment, participating in the Lake Winnipeg Water Walk and marches for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women as well as is a leader in the #FridaysforFuture education for climate change movement. She also plays the flute, soccer, and performs in improv and musical theatre productions. When she has time, she is a grade eight student in Winnipeg School Division.



Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair

Is Anishinaabe (St. Peter's/Little Peguis) and Professor in the Department of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba. He is a regular commentator on Indigenous issues nationally on CTV, CBC, and APTN and internationally in The Guardian and Al-Jazeera America. His written work can be found in the pages of The Exile Edition of Native Canadian Fiction and Drama, newspapers like The Guardian, The Globe and Mail and The Winnipeg Free Press, and online with CBC Books: Canada Writes. Niigaan is the co-editor of the award-winning Manitowapow: Aboriginal Writings from the Land of Water (Highwater Press, 2011) Centering Anishinaabeg Studies: Understanding the World Through Stories (Michigan State University Press, 2013) and The Winter We Danced: The Past, the Future, and the Idle No More Movement (Arbeiter Ring, 2014). He is also the Editorial Director of The Debwe Series with Portage and Main Press.



Hector Vazquez

Is originally from Naolinco, Mexico and is a PhD candidate at the University of Victoria (Canada). His dissertation will address the embedding of music with Indigenous roots into Mexico's national elementary curriculum. Hector holds a Bachelor of Music in Performance (Universidad Veracruzana) and a Master's degree in Education (Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education). Currently, his research is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada. He is the Founder and Executive Director of the Mateo Oliva Oliva Non-profit Association and the Founder and Director of the Festival Internacional de Música Naolinco, both of which aim to encourage equal access to music and music education.



Margo Tamez

Is a Lipan Apache author of the Hada'didla Nde' ("Lightning Storm People"), Konitsaii Nde' ("Big Water People") and an enrolled member of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas. Tamez is an Associate Professor of Indigenous Studies, in the Community, Culture, and Global Studies Department at the University of British Columbia, unceded Syilx territory, Okanagan campus. She is the author of *Naked Wanting* (2003), *Raven Eye* (2007) and numerous chapters, essays, and scholarly articles. A scholar, poet, and human rights defender, Tamez grew up in South Texas, the Lower Rio Grande Valley and along the Texas-Mexico border. Her prose reflects the critical understanding of historical processes and on-going effects of historical erasure on Indigenous peoples, making crucial links between history and present forces (colonization, militarization) impacting Indigenous peoples from the region bifurcated by the U.S.-Mexico border who remained in traditional places but largely ignored by the state.



Ynestra King

Ynestra King is an ecofeminist writer, teacher, oral historian and activist. She is a native of Selma, Alabama where she first observed the practice of nonviolent resistance, which was to become a lifelong preoccupation. She is an originator of ecofeminism and cofounded Women and Life on Earth, and convened the first ever ecofeminist gathering in 1980, which organized the antimilitarist Women's Pentagon Action, contributing to the ecology and peace encampment movements of the 1980s and 1990s. Ynestra has taught at several colleges and universities including the New School and Columbia University. Her work continues to be concerned with feminism, climate change, embodied politics, community, and the practice of radical nonviolence. She continues to be affiliated with the Institute for Social Ecology, where she has taught for many years. She is active in Writers Resist and the Board of the A. J. Muste Foundation and strives to live a life of radical amazement.

2019 Award Winners



Anthony Dest, PhD

Best Dissertation Award: *After the War: Violence and Resistance in Colombia*

Earned his Ph. D. in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin in 2019. His research explores how people struggle against violence, racism, and dispossession throughout the Americas by analyzing the politics and conditions of solidarity. His book manuscript examines why "peace" feels like war in spite of the 2016 Peace Accords between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Dr. Dest has received fellowships from the National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council, Inter-American Foundation, and Fulbright to support his research. His teaching interests include: race and identity in Latin America; anthropology of development; peace and conflict studies; and social movement theory. He previously worked at the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) and is currently on the coordinating committee of the Afro-Colombian Solidarity Network (ACSN).

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Modupe Oshikoya, PhD

Best Dissertation Honorable Mention: *Exploring the Impact of Insurgencies on Gender-Based Violence and the Nigerian Armed Forces: The Boko Haram Case*

Is currently a tenure-track professor in the political science department at Virginia Wesleyan University. Her current research interests include intra-state conflict, security and gender-based violence in Africa. She recently graduated with a Ph.D. in Global Governance and Human Security from the University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston). Her dissertation examined military violence committed against civilians in conflict zones in Nigeria. She obtained her BA with honors in Politics and Development Studies and an MSc in International Politics with a focus on African Politics at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, where her master's thesis, titled 'The Logic of Violence in Civil War' focused on the civil war in Sierra Leone. Modupe previously worked for the House of Commons research service for six years, providing research briefings on international affairs. She also worked for the British Red Cross on their Disaster Management Programme that helped UK citizens affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami. She co-authored a chapter in the 'The Handbook of Civil Society in Africa' (published October 2013), which looks at the effect of civil society organizations on democracy and governance structures in Africa.

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Katelin Helene Siemens Neufield, PhD

Best Dissertation Honorable Mention: *The Political Solidarity Measure: Development and Validation in University Student Samples*

research interests reflect her upbringing in Treaty 1 Territory. Broadly, her research aims to understand and promote social justice, typically in the context of Indigenous and non-Indigenous relations in Canada. She does so using both qualitative and quantitative methods, which are influenced by her training in experimental social psychology and psychometrics, as well as teachings from Indigenous Elders and community members. Currently, Katelin is a Research Associate with the Canadian Reconciliation Barometer (Principal Investigator: Katherine Starzyk) at the University of Manitoba, where she also earned her PhD in Social Psychology.

To learn more, visit <http://hdl.handle.net/1993/33293>



Sydney Tisch

Best Undergraduate Paper Award: *We Each Have Stories to Tell: A Queer, Activist History of ACT UP/Chicago*

is a graduate of Pace University with a BA in Peace and Justice Studies and Women's and Gender Studies and a minor in Queer Studies. Her work, focusing on queer justice and histories, has been published in the Dyson Society of Fellows' peer-reviewed journal *Transactions* and, most recently, in the August 2019 edition of the *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. Sydney has also worked as a research assistant to Drs. Emily Bent and Matthew Bolton on topics regarding young feminists' experiences at the United Nations and the humanitarian impact of nuclear testing in the Pacific region, respectively. Her research with Dr. Matthew Bolton was published by Pace University's International Disarmament Institute and circulated at the United Nation's First Committee on Disarmament and International Security. Some of her research interests include uncovering ignored queer histories, understanding how nonviolent movements function, decoding international debates on nuclear disarmament, playing with "campy" media and its political implications, and exploring the violence of gender/being gendered, among other interdisciplinary issues. She is actively involved with queer activism, such as a student-based campaign she spearheaded that demanded that the president of Pace to release a statement reaffirming the university's support for transgender students in reaction to President Trump's October 2018 transphobic memo, making Pace the first New York City-based university to do so.



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