

# THE PEACE COLLEGE

## Schedule of Learning Opportunities

April 16 – 18, 2004

Salem State College, Salem Massachusetts

- Daily Peace Art Exhibit, Salem community elementary school students  
Vets Hall and surrounding area in Ellison Campus Center
- Daily Impromptu music and theatrical performances
- Daily Resource, book, and organizational display area
- Daily Film Festival – MH 120 Screening Room

### Friday, April 16, 2004

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration  
Vets Hall, Ellison Campus Center
- 9:00 – 9:45 am Orientation to the Peace College, Day 1
- Choice of Information Exchange Options

#### Morning Workshop Choices

- A. 10:00 – 12:00 *Education as Reparations and Military Counter-Recruitment Movement in Motion*  
*The Underground, Ellison Center*
- B. 10:00 – 12:00 *Negotiation Is Not a Competitive Sport*  
*Steven Cohen*  
*Presidential Room, Ellison Center*
- C. 10:00 – 12:00 *Gandhian influence in Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma/Myanmar*  
*Krishna Mallick*  
*Essex Room, Ellison Center*
- D. 10:00 – 12:00 *The Dynamic Movement from Forgiveness To Reconciliation*  
*Rev. Dr. Jack Lynes*  
*Heritage Room, Ellison Center*

E. 10:00 – 12:00 *Peace, Education, and Children Go Together*  
*Beverly Gerson*  
*224 Ellison Center*

F. 10:00 - 12:00 *Critical Breakdown: Hip Hop Activism*  
*Erik Wissa*  
*Martin Luther King Room, Ellison Center*

Option *1st Floor Conference Room*

12:00 – 1:30 *Luncheon*  
*Vets Hall, Ellison Center*  
*Keynote Address:*  
*An Iraqi Woman's Journey To Peace*  
*Afaf Stevens, East-West Peace Initiative*

#### Afternoon Workshop Choices

G. 1:30 – 3:15 *Art as Activism: Raise Your Voice*  
*Movement in Motion*  
*Martin Luther King Room, Ellison Center*

H. 1:30 – 3:15 *Peaceful Alternatives to the Military: Come and Learn How to Begin RATC (Reserve Activist Training Corps) in your School or College and Put Nonviolent Principles into Action*

I. 1:30 – 3:15 *Nonviolence in Action: How We Stopped the Nuclear Power Industry*  
*Arnie Alpert*  
*Essex Room, Ellison Center*

J. 1:30 – 3:15 *Organizing for Social Change: The U.S.-Latin American Connection*  
*Avi Chomsky*  
*Heritage Room, Ellison Center*

K. 1:30 – 5:30 *Peacemaker Training Institute*  
*Maryrose Dolezal*  
*Underground, Ellison Center*

L. 1:30-3:15 *Peace and Environmentalism: Do All Good Things Go Together?*  
*Vanessa Gray*  
*224 Ellison Campus Center*

Option *First Floor Conference Room*

3:15 – 3:30 *Break*

- M. 3:30 – 5:30 *The Pledge of Resistance: How Nonviolence stopped Ronald Reagan from invading Central America*  
Jim Rice  
Martin Luther King Room, Ellison Center
- N. 3:30 – 5:50 *Conflict Resolution Workshop*  
Rob McAndrews  
Presidential Room, Ellison Center
- O. 3:30 – 5:30 *The Dynamics of Difference: Understanding and Interrupting Oppression in the Peace Movement*  
Lynn Clowes and Liana Foxvog  
Underground, Ellison Center
- P. 3:30 – 5:30 *Peace Efforts By Women In Latin America*  
Ana Echevarría-Morales  
224 Ellison Center
- Q. 3:30 – 5:30 *Spitting On Veterans: Old Myths, New Stories*  
Jerry Lembcke  
Heritage Room, Ellison Center
- R. 3:30 – 5:30 *Be the Change that You Want to See*  
Kevin O'Brien  
Essex Room, Ellison Center

Option: First Floor Conference Room

6:00 **DINNER**  
Vets Hall  
Keynote Speaker:  
Scott Ritter  
Former United Nations Investigator on Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq

8:00 *Evening Entertainment: Hip Hop and Peace*

Movement in Motion  
Kevin O'Brien  
Mc Squared  
Savin III  
Audible Mainframe

## THE PEACE COLLEGE

### Schedule of Learning Opportunities

Saturday, April 17, 2004

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration  
Vets Hall, Ellison Campus Center

9:00 – 9:45 am Orientation to the Peace College, Day 2

### Choice of Information Exchange Options

#### Morning Workshop Choices

- A. 10:00 – 12:00 *The American Tradition of Nonviolence*  
Michael True  
Martin Luther King Room, Ellison Center
- B. 10:00 – 12:00 *A Peace Platform*  
Brian Aull, Joseph Wronka, John M. Forbes,  
and Nancy Wrenn  
Presidential Room, Ellison Center
- C. 10:00 – 12:00 *PATRIOT or Patriotic?*  
Nabil Migalli  
Essex Room, Ellison Center
- D. 10:00 – 12:00 *Effective Political Skills for Peace Advocacy*  
Barbara Hildt  
Heritage Room, Ellison Center
- E. 10:00 – 12:00 *From Birmingham to Ramallah - Why the US Civil Rights Movement Offers Hope to the Middle East*  
Jim Rice  
Sojourner's Magazine  
Underground, Ellison Center
- F. 10:00 – 12:00 *Spitting On Veterans: Old Myths, New Stories*  
Jerry Lembcke  
Room 224, Ellison Center
- G. 10:00 – 12:00 *A Personal Look at the Health and Human Rights Consequences of Occupation on Israelis and Palestinians*  
Alice Rothchild  
1st floor conference room

12:00 – 1:30 Luncheon  
 Vets Hall, Ellison Center  
 Keynote Address: Building on the past to create a new future--The innovative work of a youth-led social change movement  
 Kavitha Rao  
 Fellowship of Reconciliation

**Afternoon Workshop Choices**

- H. 1:30 – 4:00 The Peace Festival  
 Peace Activities for Children  
 Lobby and Courtyard, Ellison Campus Center
- I. 3:30 Excerpts from Theatrical Production of Bittersweet, a play about child labor in sweatshops, written and performed by students of the 8th Grade Oyster River Elementary School from Durham, NH.  
 Vets Hall
- J. 1:30 – 5:00 Introduction to HIPP (Help Increase the Peace Program)  
 Barbara Hildt  
 Underground, Ellison Center
- K. 1:30 – 3:15 In What Ways Do I Contribute to the Destructive Adversarialism Around Me?  
 Gordon Fellman  
 Martin Luther King Room, Ellison Center
- L. 1:30 – 3:15 Poetry and Survival  
 Michael True  
 Essex Room, Ellison Center
- M. 1:30 – 3:15 Who Should Keep the Peace? UN Peacekeeping Challenges Today  
 Tom Gale  
 Heritage Room, Ellison Center
- N. 1:30 – 3:15 National Coalition Building Institute  
 Judy Gould, Judy Putnam, David Houle, Sully Sullivan  
 Costas Souris  
 North Shore Community College  
 Presidential Dining Room, Ellison Center
- Option: Animals and Peace  
 PETA  
 Room 224 Ellison Center
- Option Conference Room (Children's Festival)

- 3:15 – 3:30 Break
- O. 3:30 – 5:30 The Global Economy and its Relation To War  
 David Amdur and Anna Hendricks  
 Martin Luther King Room, Ellison Center
- P. 3:30 – 5:30 We Are All Educators for Peace  
 Wayne Burton  
 Presidential Room, Ellison Center
- Q. 3:30 – 5:30 Nonviolent strategies to resist the empire  
 Joanne Sheehan  
 Essex Room, Ellison Center
- R. 3:30 – 5:30 Extending Rights/Building Security  
 Elisabeth Leonard and Laura Roskos  
 Underground, Ellison Center
- S. 3:30 – 5:00 Genocide and War Crimes Tribunals: Never Again  
 Rob McAndrews  
 224 Ellison Center
- Option Conference Room (Children's Festival)
- 6:00 DINNER  
 Vets Hall  
 Keynote Speaker: Pat Clark  
 Fellowship of Reconciliation
- 8:00 Evening Entertainment  
 Gretchen  
 Sinai  
 The Libra Project  
 Folk Peace Sing A Long and Dancing



## Sunday, April 18

- 10:00 *Peace March*  
Meet at the corner of SSC in front of the Sullivan Building and march into downtown Salem as a stand for peace. People of all ages are encouraged to walk and carry pro-peace signs
- 11:00 *An Interfaith Celebration of Peace*  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
8 North Ave.  
Salem, MA
- Afternoon: *Tours of Salem, MA:*  
*The Witch Museum*  
*The Peabody Essex Museum*  
*Pickering Wharf*
- 4:00 *Yom HaShoah: Holocaust Remembrance Service*  
Peabody Public Library, Peabody, MA.  
This Holocaust commemoration includes a candlelighting ceremony involving around twenty Holocaust survivors; music by the Gordon College Women's Choir and by the Cohen Hillel Children's Choir; welcoming remarks by a few guests; an interfaith service of reflections by five different clergy representatives (Christian, Muslim, and Jewish); the Holocaust Center Service Award (this year to Sandy Weitz); the keynote presentation (this year by Prof. Chris Mauriello of SSC); and a closing ceremony.

## MENTOR BIOGRAPHIES

**Arnie Alpert** is the Director of the New Hampshire American Friends Service Committee in Concord. His Peace College presentation is on "*Nonviolence in Action: How we stopped the nuclear power industry*". He will teach students about the activities of the Clamshell Alliance and the development of the No Nukes movement. This presentation will emphasize nonviolent strategy and tactics that can be used in other contemporary conflict situations.

**David Amdur** has been involved in El Salvador solidarity work since 1991. He lived in El Salvador from 1996 to 2000 while working with the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador and U.S./El Salvador Sister Cities. He was the national program director of CISPES in the U.S. in 2000 and 2001. Since 2002 he has been a member of Boston Fair Trade Action and involved with educational and organizing campaigns to help stop the Free Trade Area of the Americas and the Central American Free Trade Agreement. He currently works as a freelance interpreter. He will be speaking to The Peace College students about the relationship about money, war, and peace. His presentation is *The Global Economy and its Relation To War and Peace*.

**Brian Aull** is a research scientist at MIT, is an active member of the Baha'i community and serves as co-chair of the Coalition for a Strong United Nations. He was chairperson of the Cambridge Peace Commission for two years and a founder of the Alliance for our Common Future.

**Beats Not Bombs** is a group of young people committed to the pursuit of peace through artistic expression. Fellowship of Reconciliation national facilitators Kavitha Rao and David Rosen will facilitate interactive workshops along with Naomi Santos and Billy Martin from the Movement In Motion Arts Collective. In addition to their evening hip-hop dance presentation, they will conduct two workshops for The Peace College. One is on *Art As activism: Raise Your Voice*. This workshop will explore rhythm and expression through different media as tools to transform power within oneself and ones community as it challenges participants to own their responsibility to begin within in the struggle to channel anger and indignation effectively towards social change. The workshop will include an exploration of creative techniques like street theater, outreach, and it will inspire those interested in becoming activists. Movement In Motion will share stories about their experiences holding artistic speak-outs in the streets of New York City and India. The workshop also includes opportunities for participants to explore creative ways to use the arts in their local activist outreach activities. Their other workshop is *Education as Reparations and Military Counter-Recruitment*. A general overview of the theory and practice of active nonviolence, this interactive workshop will include a discussion on the history and effectiveness of nonviolence as a tactic to address social justice issues. It will use popular education exercises on interpersonal nonviolence and conflict resolution. Students will be given practice in using collaboration rather than competition to create win-win situations, role playing, demonstrations, and given practical planning and organizing skills to identify and address injustice in local community through creative, nonviolent means.

**Hope Benne** spent 4 years in Vietnam with International Voluntary Services from 1966-1970 doing relief work during the Vietnam War. She has a BA in History from George Washington University and an MA from Duke University. She speaks 3 languages, French, German, and Vietnamese. She presently teaches "History of World Civilizations" at Salem State College and "Approaches to Peace and Conflict Resolution" and World History at North Shore Community College. She is active in Veterans for Peace and the Salem State Peace Institute.

**Wayne Burton** is the president of North Shore Community College, one of the co-sponsors of The Peace College. He is a member of Veteran's For Peace and actively speaks to members of the New England community about the importance of peaceful resolutions to conflict.

**Avi Chomsky** is a Professor of History at Salem State College. Her presentation, "*Organizing for Social Change: The U.S. - Latin America Connection*" highlights how grassroots organizations throughout Latin America have been organizing for social change against breathtaking obstacles such as poverty and military/paramilitary repression. Solidarity and human rights organizations in the United States have provided crucial exposure and protection to these courageous activists. At the same time, Latin American activists have brought inspiration and solidarity to an often more cynical and alienated U. S. audience.

**Pat Clark** is the Executive Director for the Fellowship of Reconciliation, (FOR) an interfaith and international movement advocating for peace, justice and nonviolence. The National office of FOR is involved in programs that advocate for demilitarization and nuclear disarmament, racial and economic justice and peaceful resolution of conflicts. Prior to coming to work with the Fellowship of Reconciliation she worked with the American Friends Service Committee for eight years as their National Criminal justice representative. There she focused on criminal justice issues such as death penalty, prison control units, hate violence and restorative justice, juvenile justice, prison reform and alternatives to incarceration. In her work on the death penalty she served as a major spokesperson. Presentations and interviews included: Stanford University, Boalt Law School at UC Berkeley, CNN, TIME magazine, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post and National Public Radio. From 1985-1990 Pat worked with the Southern Poverty Law Center eventually becoming the director of the Klanwatch Project where she and her staff monitored the activities of the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist organizations and conducted research that was used in litigation against these organizations and for general education. She served as a major spokesperson for Klanwatch and the Southern Poverty Law Center and her presentations and appearances included testifying before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Columbia Law School, Yale Divinity School, NBC Today Show, CBS West 57<sup>th</sup> Street and CBS World News. Pat began her social justice work with Habitat for Humanity International in what was then known as Zaire, Africa. As a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity from 1970-1982

in Zaire she directed and finished the construction 117 homes; directed the work of over 50 laborers and craftsmen. Initiated and oversaw the construction of a women's center for villagers; set up a cooperative store. Developed an experimental garden; coordinated and/or instructed academic and vocational classes for non-English speakers.

**Steven Cohen** is the President of The Negotiation Skills Company and author of Negotiating Skills For Managers. His workshop, *Negotiation Is Not A Competitive Sport*, will provide insights into how to differentiate between positions ("my way or the highway") and interests (the real reasons a particular outcome is desired). The program is highly interactive, involving role play and other exercises. More can be learned about Mr. Cohen's practice by going to [www.negotiationskills.com](http://www.negotiationskills.com).

**Lynn Clowes**, MA is the director of Cultural Competency group at the NH Minority Health Coalition, an organization that has addressed local cultural competency needs since 1993. In this position, she conducts and facilitates cultural competency workshops and forums for health, mental health, and human service providers that serve culturally, ethnically, and linguistically diverse populations. Clowes speaks French, Spanish, Finnish, and English, has served as an interpreter in Central America Solidarity work, and draws on over ten years of experience in cultural exchange and international development to inform her work. Clowes worked as Director of Training at the Mississippi Consortium for International Development at Jackson State University, and received a BA in History from the University of Pennsylvania and a MA in International and Intercultural Management from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. Educating and learning about the issues of race, culture, and justice are her biggest passions.

**Ana Echevarría-Morales** is the director of Salem State College's Peace Institute and is a faculty member in SSC's Department of Foreign Languages.

**Gordon Fellman** is Chair of the Peace, Conflict, and Coexistence Studies, and Professor of Sociology at Brandeis University. His presentation is "*In what ways do I contribute to the destructive adversarialism around me?*" Workshop Abstract: Even peace-seekers and peace-makers often inadvertently behave in peace-subverting adversarial modes. The workshop will seek to identify common modes of opposing rather than working with and bring participants to recognize which ones they employ and how they might move beyond them.

**John (Jock) Forbes** is the past Executive Director of the World Federalist Association of New England and a founder and long-time member of the board of directors of the Coalition for a Strong United Nations. He was the founder/director of the Council for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze and on the regional program committee of the New England Office of the American Friends Service Committee.

**Liana Foxvog** is the Youth Organizer with American Friends Service Committee-NH. She is a dynamic facilitator and leads interactive workshops on organizing skills, nonviolence, and anti-oppression. Participants in the workshop *"The Dynamics of Difference: Understanding and Interrupting Oppression in the Peace Movement"* will explore how we are part of a system of institutional oppression and learn to organize in ways that make our peace activism more effective through confronting oppression.

**Thomas Gale** is mediator, Vietnam veteran, member Greater Boston Nonviolent Peaceforce Affinity Group, member Veterans For Peace, and a Board Member of the Coalition for a Strong United Nations. The history of UN peacekeeping, the role of the Security Council and the Secretary General, lessons learned, and ways in which UN peace operations can be strengthened will be discussed. Alternative approaches, including the NonViolent Peaceforce, will also be described.

**Beverly Gerson** teaches peaceful negotiation and problem solving to the youngest members of our community in her role as director of Salem State College's Preschool. She has implemented the Reggio-Emillia approach to working with young children; the Reggio program was started after World War II as an instructional program to promote peace, justice, and to help children find the beauty within themselves and others. She will be describing how to teach young children in ways to instill peaceful resolution to conflict in her presentation, *"Peace, Education, and Children Go Together."*

**Vanessa Gray**, assistant professor of political science at UMass-Lowell, teaches global environmental politics and Latin American politics. Her current research is on the coexistence strategies of environmentalists operating in Colombian war zones, such as the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and the Chocó. Her dissertation was an analysis of transnational alliances in the conservation movement.

**Anna Hendricks** is a youth organizer at Jobs with Justice in Boston, MA. She is also a member of Boston Fair Trade Action and has spent the past few years organizing both in Boston and in Ecuador against the Free Trade Area of the Americas Agreement. She will be co-facilitating a workshop, *The Global Economy and its Relation To War and Peace*, that helps students understand both how they fit into the global economy and how war is one of the many strong arms of today's globalization.

**Barbara Hildt** is the director and senior trainer of Youth Empowerment Services, Inc. She served five terms in the Massachusetts legislature and in 1992 nearly defeated a seven-term incumbent for Congress. She is co-founder of the Women Legislator's Lobby and a member of the board of WAND, the Women's Action for New Directions. She will be providing two mentorship opportunities at The Peace College, including *Effective Political Skills for Peace Advocacy*, which will focus on how to influence elected officials by understanding how most politicians think and how to build relationships of mutual respect with others. She will also provide an *Introduction to HIPP (Help Increase the Peace Program)*.

HIPP is a relationship skills curriculum full of dynamic, interactive and engaging activities. HIPP helps youth and adults to communicate respectfully and cooperate in building the foundation for peaceable communities. Skills for responding to conflicts without violence, analysis of the impact of social injustice, and how to take action for positive, nonviolent personal and social change are components of this exciting program.

**Jerry Lembcke** was drafted in 1968 and served in Vietnam as a Chaplain's Assistant in the 41st Artillery Group. He is the author of six books including *The Spitting Image: Myth, Memory, and the Legacy of Vietnam* and, just released, *CNN's Tailwind Tale: Inside Vietnam's Last Great Myth*. He is Associate Professor of sociology at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts where he lives and works for peace and social justice. His presentation will include slides and video clips to explore the origin and function of the myth of the spat upon Vietnam veteran.

**Elisabeth Leonard** is a Quaker peace and justice activist, a community organizer and an educator. Locally she works with United for Justice with Peace and ACE (Alternatives for Community Environments) and co-chairs the Boston chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

**The Rev. Dr. John W. Lynes** is a United Church of Christ Minister who is serving as the Interim Senior Minister at First Congregational Church, UCC in Holliston, Massachusetts. A former philosophy professor, he has served in religious parishes and organizations throughout New England. His workshop, *"The Dynamic Movement from Forgiveness to Reconciliation"* focuses upon the dynamic movement set in motion by the act(s) of forgiveness that leads to reconciliation. In the workshop we shall explore some of the salient features of this dynamic movement and see how it can work for both interpersonal and intercommunal nurture of peace and hope. He may also talk about the "Principle of Mutual Affirmation and Admonition," which has played an important role in the recent development of ecumenical partnerships among some Christian Churches, especially those in the Lutheran/Reformed traditions. This principle has extraordinary potential for use in the process of mutual upbuilding of persons and communities. We'll explore what it is and how it works.

**Krishna Mallick** is a professor of philosophy at Salem State College. She is former director of the SSC Peace Institute. A student of Gandhi, she has written many articles and chapters on various aspects of peace. Her presentation at The Peace College is on *"Gandhian influence in Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma/Myanmar."* Aung San Suu Kyi is the 1991 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

**Rob McAndrews**, professor of Social Work at Salem State College, is a mediator, attorney, and President of the Holocaust Center, Boston North Inc. He will be making two presentations at The Peace College. One is a *Conflict Resolution Workshop* that will examine conflict resolutions that are used in a variety of contexts, including domestic and workplace disputes, community wide problems, social policy disagreements, and international conflicts. Participants will have an opportunity to participate in a mediation exercised based on a real

community conflict. His second workshop concerns "*Genocide and War Crimes Tribunals: Never Again*". In it he will explore what has become of this pledge by the victorious powers following WWII and the Holocaust. He will also focus on the significance of the creation of the Yugoslavian and Rwandan War Crimes Tribunals in the context of international criminal law. Participants will also examine the progress of national "truth commissions" and the creation of the permanent International Criminal Court in The Hague.

**Nabil Migalli** is the New Hampshire American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee Chapter President. He runs a consulting firm that promotes diversity. Migalli has also been a speaker for the New Hampshire Humanities Council and speaker on NH Public Radio. He will be speaking at The Peace College on patriotism and the Patriot Act.

**Kevin O'Brien** is a Boston hip-hop artist whose words focus on the injustice he sees around him. He will talk about how music can be a vehicle for expressing one's indignation through music to create peaceful and socially productive outcomes.

**Lewis Randa** is the director of The Peace Abbey. He has developed a set of peaceful alternatives for college students that he seeks to institutionalize, such as ROTC has become a mainstay on many college campuses. The Peace Abbey provides wonderful support to people who wish to pursue peace, and it recently was the location for a US soldier who went AWOL against the war in Iraq to turn himself in, announcing he wished to instead pursue a life of peace.

**Kavitha Rao:** With a background in environmental justice and sustainable living, Kavitha became a founding member of the non-profit, the Odyssey: World Trek for Service and Education. She spent two years traveling to countries overlooked in most textbooks, writing about history, culture, contemporary issues, and grassroots movements for the free educational website that was used by over 5000 classrooms worldwide ([www.worldtrek.org](http://www.worldtrek.org)). She has since co-founded the Common Fire Foundation which aims to train, inspire and rejuvenate individuals who demonstrate the utmost commitment and passion for service across a broad spectrum of issues, and to empower youth to find their own path to service. While developing Common Fire, Kavitha works with the international scholarship service camp, Camp Rising Sun, facilitates nationally for FOR's Peacemaker Training Institute, supports international youth activist networks with such organizations as Youth for Environmental Sanity and the Omega Institute, and is the author of the forthcoming book for youth *From Cape Town to Timbuktu: An African Odyssey*. A member of FOR's Board of Directors sitting on the Executive Council and as co-chair of the Affirmative Action Committee, Kavitha is also one of the founding members of FOR's Youth Task Force, working to empower youth and to involve new voices in the program goals and decision making of this almost century-old interfaith organization. Highlighting the powerful and innovative work being done by young people across the planet, Kavitha will touch on the need for intergenerational collaboration and truly mutual mentorship in the work to create a peaceful and just world.

**Jim Rice** is the managing editor of Sojourner's magazine and coordinator of Sojourners Peace Ministry. He comes to The Peace College from Washington, DC. Rice was an organizer for the Center for Peace Studies at Georgetown University. He was founder and co-director of Pax Christi: Washington's Peace Education Program and producer of the multimedia presentation "Anatomy of the Nuclear Arms Race." In addition, Rice served on the founding National Committee and Executive Committee of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, and he was treasurer of the Nuclear Weapons Education Fund. Before moving to Washington, D.C., Rice was the Hunger Action Coordinator for the Oregon Center for Peace and Justice in Portland, Oregon, and he spent two years as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

**Laura Roskos** is a visiting scholar at Suffolk University's Center for Women's Health and Human Rights and has published research on feminist peace politics and human rights. She is co-coordinator of the Massachusetts CEDAW Project, a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and serves on the board of the Coalition for a Strong United Nations.

**Alice Rothchild** is an obstetrician-gynecologist at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates and Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital. She is on the Steering committee for Visions of Peace with Justice in Israel/Palestine ([www.vopj.org](http://www.vopj.org)), and recently returned from 2-week medical delegation to Israel and the West Bank, partnering with Physicians for Human Rights Israel and the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees.

**Joanne Sheehan** is a long-time peace activist and the Chair of War Resisters International, and runs the New England branch of the War Resisters League (WRL). She lectures throughout the world on nonviolence and social empowerment, and has been a nonviolence trainer/workshop facilitator since the 1970s. To help support her regional WRL office, she also runs a vegetarian catering business called "Pacifeast Catering."

**Costas Souris** is a faculty member of North Shore Community College and the head of its National Coalition Building Institute. His National Coalition Building Institute provides workshops across the country that teaches people how to better work together and overcome conflict.

**Afaf Stevens**, of the East West Peace Initiative, is an Iraqi woman whose goal is to build bridges of peace based on mutual understanding, justice and respect for all. She feels that understanding and education will help remove the myths, misunderstanding and misconceptions between the Western World and the Middle East that is about to destroy any hope for peace and reconciliation in this world. She was born in Baghdad-Iraq and have lived in both Iraq and the United States, which helped her to understand the uniqueness and the strength and richness of both cultures and heritage. She is resolved to helping the people of the East and the West to see themselves as one people and that their roads have intertwined historically for centuries through arts, sciences, culture, language and tradition. She has recently completed her program at Harvard.

**Michael True** is the author and editor of ten books, including *An Energy Field More Intense Than War: The Nonviolent Tradition and American Literature (1995)*, *The Frontiers of Nonviolence, with Chaiwat Satha-Anand (1998)*, *To Construct Peace (1992)*, and *Ordinary People: Family Life and Global Values (1991)*, *Daniel Berrigan: Poetry, Drama, Prose (1988)*. He has taught at twenty colleges and universities in this country and abroad, including Duke University, where he completed a doctorate in American literature, Columbia University, University of Hawaii, as well as Nanjing University (China), and as a Fulbright Lecturer at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, and University of Rajasthan, Jaipur (India). His essays and reviews have appeared in *Commonweal*, *America*, *Ms.*, *New Republic*, *The Progressive*, *Boston Globe*, *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, and other periodicals. A native of Oklahoma, Michael True, emeritus professor, Assumption College, and International Peace Research Association Foundation, has lectured on literature and nonviolence throughout the United States, in Western Europe, East and South Asia and the Pacific, including North Korea.

**Erik Wissa**, Director, American Friends Service Committee's Critical Breakdown. He is also the Coordinator of the Urban Youth Program in Cambridge, MA. The Urban Youth Program places outreach to young people ages 13-25 from communities of color and low income communities as its first priority. He is actively involved with Beats For Peace to help alert the youth of America that many civil liberties that are currently enjoyed are "rapidly eroding." For the past three years, the American Friends Service Committee's Critical Breakdown has been organizing monthly open mics that attract people of all ages through Hip Hop, spoken word, and other forms of socially conscious performance art. Additionally, Critical Breakdown has organized workshops and conferences using performing arts for social change. This workshop will focus on the success of Critical Breakdown and talk about the significant role Hip Hop/spoken word should play in the peace and justice movement.

**Nancy Wrenn** is an educator who retired in 2001 after 18 years with the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection. She is currently Co-Chair of the Coalition for a Strong United Nations and a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She has studied peace building at the School for International Training in Vermont and recently attended the NGO Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

**Joseph Wronka** is a professor in the School of Social Work at Springfield College, Springfield, MA and is the author of "Human Rights and Social Policy in the 21st Century," a history of the idea of human rights. He serves on the board of the Coalition for a Strong UN.