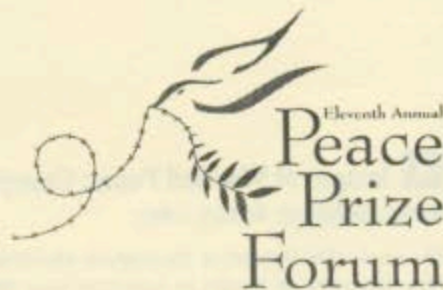


Concurrent Workshops



Students Striving for Peace

Moderator: Mark Tranvik, Assistant Professor of Religion, Augsburg College

Si Melby Gymnasium

The keynote speakers, including Jody Williams, Steve Goose, Larry Rasmussen, and Jan Egeland, will address questions from students.

Reason and Conflict

Moderator: Marie McNeff, Vice President for Academic and Learning Services, Augsburg College

Tjornham-Nelson Theatre, Foss Center

"The play's the thing..." Through two alternative dramatic interpretations of scenes from Sophocles' *Antigone*, this workshop will explore the complex dance we all do when deciding when to act on moral and ethical convictions.

Norwegian Heritage

Moderator: Kjell Bergh, Chairman, Bergh International Holdings, Inc.

Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center

The Rev. Gunnar Stålsett, Bishop of Oslo and member of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, will address issues concerning Nobel Peace Prize selection, perspectives of the Norwegian Church on peacemaking, and how public opinion on peace is reflected in military decisions and weapon production. A panel discussion will follow.

Faith and Peacemaking

Moderator: Sidney Rand, former Ambassador to Norway

Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall

Aspects of faith and peacemaking will be presented by the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Larson, Lutheran World Federation and ICBL member; Charles Amjad-Ali, visiting professor at Luther Seminary; and the Rev. Robert McMeekin, Holy Cross Mission (Wis.) and chaplain (CPT) USAR 100th Chaplain Support Team (Minn.)

Saturday Seminars

1 Honestly Addressing the Historical Conflict of Race

Joe Young, Augsburg College

Room: Murphy 111

The seminar is designed as a historical discourse of the issue of race. Specifically, it will assert the concept of race as an erroneous one, resulting in an exaggerated human conflict. We will seek to refine human definitions of culture and ethnicity and discuss the reality of racism and the role it has played on human interaction.

2 Healing the Wounds of War: Moral and Cultural Considerations

Norma Natalia Carrillo, St. Olaf College

Room: Old Main 29

Participants in this seminar will examine the concept of peace and will discuss the challenging responsibilities that Christians face in developing peace-building processes. By using Guatemala as a case study, the seminar will illustrate how the understanding of Guatemalans as psychologically tortured people will sharpen and widen the perception of the war drama and thus help us to adequately collaborate in the peace-building process.

3 Cultural Obstacles to Peace

Joseph Mbele, St. Olaf College

Room: Old Main 27

This seminar will raise and explore the question of peace as a universal ideal and dream, focusing on cultural values as expressed in folklore—values that not only undermine and devalue peace, but also idealize, promote, and celebrate war. Many, perhaps most, of the world's principal trouble spots, from the Balkans to central Africa, are rich in folklore that celebrates violence, revenge, heroism, and fame.

4 Images of War and Peace: Changing Representations of International Relations

Joseph Underhill-Cady, Augsburg College

Room: Old Main 23

The seminar will examine the ways in which war and peace have been represented in the mass media and how those representations have changed over time. Focusing on images in American mass media and the metaphorical content of U.S. government officials' speeches, the seminar will provide an opportunity to reflect on how war and peace (and self and other) are represented and how those representations may hinder efforts to mediate or resolve those conflicts.

5 The Ethics of Peacemaking Interventions in the Balkans: Progress and Limitations

Patrick Dale, St. Olaf College

Room: Old Main 11

This seminar will examine the extent of domestic and international changes in political arenas and ethical thoughts that affect the willingness of NATO countries to prevent ethnically-motivated atrocities in former Yugoslavia. We will consider the extent of change from the impotence of 1992 to the limited activism of 1998.

6 Children as Peacemakers

Dawn Keenan, Normandale Hills Peace Site School

Room: Old Main 10

This seminar will provide participants with the tools to foster peacemaking skills in children. The information will be based on actual hands-on experience. It will outline the peace site process and show participants what a positive impact peace education has on children.

7 The Color of Crime on TV News

Cass Dalglish, Boyd Koehler, and Earcie Allen, Augsburg College

Room: Music 24

Do we see crime in color on TV? What color does TV paint crime perpetrators, victims, and reporters? From September to November 1997, Augsburg College journalism students watched local newscasts of the Twin Cities' three network-affiliated TV stations. Presenters will summarize findings of this study and will entertain questions on whether representations of people in TV newscasts reflect reality or are the result of perceptual skews.

8 Humanity in the Midst of War: International Humanitarian Law

Robert Munson and Colm Griffin, Red Cross

Room: Science 123

This seminar will explain how the Geneva Conventions offer protection to individuals caught in war. It will cover the history of the Geneva Conventions, the protections they offer, the special role of the Red Cross/Red Crescent international movement as the caretakers of this humanitarian law, and how these laws relate to international conflicts taking place today.

9 Communities, Conflict, and Restoring Justice

Vern Bloom and Don Christensen, Augsburg College

Room: Old Main 16

This seminar will explore elements of community life that contribute to violence and crime—particularly a system based on retribution and revenge. How might a more restorative justice approach better serve victims, perpetrators, and community?

10 "Judaisms" and the State of Israel: Perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Steven Derfler, American Jewish Committee

Room: Music 5

The role of the state of Israel, ancient and modern, is an unquestioned cornerstone of Jewish faith and culture. Yet, with the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, political, ethnic, and spiritual parameters that had not been faced in over 2,000 years are foci of world affairs for the upcoming 21st century. Many questions will be explored including whether religious piety and jealousy preclude the notion of civility and compromise and whether religious intransigence is a stumbling block to peace.

11 The Landmine Question

Susan Walker, International Campaign to Ban Landmines

Room: Old Main 13

This seminar will discuss the issues surrounding the landmine question and offer local solutions based on community activism.

12 Bioterrorism: Media Hype or Real Nightmare

Michael Osterholm, Minnesota Department of Health

Room: Old Main 18

The session will review the potential use of biological agents by terrorists in the United States, with emphasis on implications for the civilian population. The current standard of our preparedness will be discussed.

13 The Role of the U.S. Professorate in Promoting Peace: National Challenges, Local Responses

John Van Cleve, Augsburg College

Room: Science 213

The seminar will discuss the potential benefits and dangers of the absence of peace studies at most colleges and universities. It will address the problems of visibility and academic "particularism," and will take up the problematic role of overwhelmingly corporate communications media that routinely engage in reductionism and polarization.

14 One Peace at a Time: The Mechanics of Reconciliation in Northern Ireland

Andrew Eastwood and William Swart, Augustana College

Room: Lindell 16

This seminar will explore the multi-layered dimensions involved in bringing about peace in Northern Ireland. In doing so, it will present three interrelated "peaces" of the machinery of reconciliation: peace-making, peace-keeping, and peace-building.

15 Novel Terrorism: Prophecies or Fiction?

Paul Krueger, Augustana College

Room: Music 4

Theme synopses of a selected number of novels will be reviewed that contain or predict various forms of terrorism threatening world peace. The fictionalized theme and solution to the terrorist problem will be critiqued by seminar participants, along with proposed alternative solutions to those threats perceived as probable.

16 Managing and Mismanaging Balkan Conflict: Is There Hope for the End?

Magdalena Poleczny-Zapp, Augsburg College

This seminar will address such issues as historical, economic, and political roots of the conflict, the foils, and the interests of western European nations, Russia, and the U.S. in dealing/solving the conflict.

17 Torture: The Most Effective Weapon Against Democracy

Douglas Johnson, Center for Victims of Torture

Room: Computer Center 19, Foss Center

This seminar will explore the impact of torture, even in Minnesota, where 14,000 torture victims reside. Torture and atrocity are used as state policy to shape cultures through fear. The impact on individuals is lifelong and lingers into future generations. Empowering communities to act requires activists and leaders to deal with this dimension.

18 The Morality of Nuclear Deterrence: Confronting the Current Expansion of the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Complex

Dave Robinson, Pax Christi U.S.A.

Room: Murphy 100

This seminar will give an overview of current U.S. nuclear weapons policy and plans for expansion and will review the recent statement of Pax Christi on the morality of nuclear deterrence. The session will also introduce the Abolition 2000 global citizens' network to eliminate nuclear weapons.

#2 19 Is Toleration Enough for Peace?

Edward Langerak, St. Olaf College

Room: Music 22

This seminar will analyze and evaluate the recent proposal that a pluralistic society must go beyond toleration (reined-in contempt) to broadminded affirmation of differences.

20 Spreading the Technology of Interpersonal Nonviolence

Michael Bischoff, Friends for a Non-Violent World

Room: Music 23

An experiential introduction to the Alternatives to Violence Project—a popular education model used to teach nonviolent solutions in prisons, schools, and other settings across the world.

21 Guatemala Since 1995: A Personal Perspective on the Peace

Richard Chapman, Concordia College

Room: Seminar 110, Foss Center

Beginning with impressions and understandings gathered during a three-week stay in the summer of 1994, this seminar will include discussion of the 1995 Peace Agreement with its subsequent issues and problems, and conclude with a perspective on the challenge of peacekeeping for Guatemalan society.

22 Helping Kids Become All They Can Be Through Peace and Communication

Marianne Christenson, Pam Girard, and Kathy Alvig, Anne Sullivan Communication Center

Room: Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall

This seminar will present information about Anne Sullivan's proactive, nonviolent, conflict-resolution process.

23 Risk and Protective Factors for Adolescent Violence

Michael Resnick, University of Minnesota

Room: Green Room, Foss Center

A lively presentation and discussion of new research on factors that promote or inhibit young people's involvement in self-directed and interpersonal violence. Discussion of key concepts in resiliency theory and applications to programs, policy, and practice will ensue.

24 Interaction of Diplomacy and the Military

Robert Flaten, Retired Ambassador

Room: Macintosh Lab 19, Foss Center

How do diplomats effectively use the military to accomplish peacekeeping efforts? This presentation will examine examples from Yugoslavia, the Middle East, and Rwanda.

25 What Is the Proper Role of the Military in Contemporary Peacekeeping Efforts?

Jeffrey Baker, Luther College

Room: Foss 20

In the early sixties everything seemed relatively clear. The threat was real—countless missiles pointed in our direction. We justified a strong military by the magnitude of the threat. Then along came Vietnam, the destruction of the iron curtain, and the proliferation of terrorism. How do we respond to these changes? Has the need for a traditional military been overshadowed by historical events? What is the proper role for today's military?

26 Peacekeeping Operations in the 21st Century

Michael Andregg, University of St. Thomas and University of Minnesota

Room: Foss 21A

A presentation on the causes of war at the close of the millennium and how those causes influence the military and non-governmental organizations.

27 The Effects of War on Unaccompanied Minor Children

Donna Magnuson, Lutheran Social Services

Room: Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center

This seminar will provide information on the plight of unaccompanied refugee minors from around the world with a particular focus on child soldiers of Sudan, as well as the challenges of the war faced by the children of Bosnia. A 20-year-old Bosnian and a 19-year-old Sudanese will also be present to speak about their experiences.

28 Ethnicity in Central Europe: A Case Study of the Romany in the Czech Republic

Norma J. Hervey and Chris Rogers, Luther College

Room: Foss 42

The Romany people, commonly known as gypsies, continue to confront racism in many nations, having been one of the primary groups targeted by the Nazis. The end of the Cold War has once again renewed the historical antagonisms of the entire region. The presentation invites audience discussion of other ethnic groups in the former Soviet bloc.

29 Teach Them Well and Let Them Lead the Way

Holly Natvig, Luther College

Room: Foss 43

"If we are to reach real peace in the world we shall have to begin with children ...," said Mahatma Gandhi. This seminar examines the causes of conflict strategies used in teaching students to be peacemakers and implementation of conflict-resolution programs within the schools.

30 The Face of Battle

Phil Quanbeck II, Augsburg College

Room: Science 315

In his book, *The Face of Battle*, British military historian John Keegan traces the development of modern warfare. Keegan observed that the "killing zone" of battle has grown from only a line a few yards wide at Agincourt to an almost unlimited area since WWI. This seminar, illustrated with slides and using Keegan's work, will describe how developments in weapons and technology warfare have changed the concept of a battlefield.

31 Addressing the Legacy of Unexploded Ordnance in Laos

Bruce Shoemaker, Augsburg College Alumnus

Room: Science 212

During the Vietnam War era, Laos became the most heavily bombed country in world history and still suffers the legacy of this bombing due to the continued presence of unexploded ordnance (UXO) in many areas. However, a major new initiative provides the potential for further reconciliation between the U.S. and Laos.

32 Waging War for the Sake of Peace: The United States in the 20th Century

Chris Kimball, Augsburg College

Room: Science 319

This seminar will examine the ways in which the U.S. has since 1914 repeatedly claimed to fight wars as a way of achieving peace and focuses on how this stance has often led civilians to push the military into conflict.