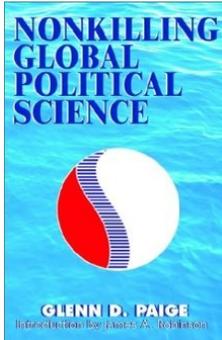


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Peace News

JUNE 2011



**June Public Meeting (co-sponsored by the Consortium for Peace Studies at U of C)
Non-Killing Global Political Science
June 8th, 7:30 pm, Parkdale United Church**

What is meant by a “nonkilling” society?

“It is a human community, smallest to largest, local to global, characterized by no killing of humans and no threats to kill; no weapons designed to kill humans and no justifications for using them; and no conditions of society dependent upon threat or use of killing force for maintenance or change.” *Glenn D. Paige*

Please join us for a short video on Dr. Paige’s work, and a thought-provoking discussion led by Abram Trosky, visiting scholar with the Consortium for Peace Studies at the University of Calgary. Abram is a PhD student in Political Theory and International Relations at Boston University. Prior to this, he obtained an MA from St. Johns. Abram was a Philosophy major at Washington and Lee University and graduated in 2002.

Following are some comments from Abram’s students at Boston University:

“Favorite and most intelligent professor I’ve had at BU.”

“I would highly recommend taking a class with Abram if possible. He was incredibly knowledgeable, approachable, and discussions were not only relevant to lectures in class, but also to current events and broader ethical questions. Best teacher I’ve had at BU by far.”



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**Office hours:
Mon, Tue, Thurs
9:30am - 2pm
Wed 2 - 6pm**



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES®

**Ten Thousand Villages
Thursday July 14, 2011 6 - 9 pm
SUMMER & WEDDING SHOPPING FOR PEACE!
FUNDRAISER!!**

Come relax at the 10,000 Villages store, 220 Crowchild Trail NW. Enjoy cake, fair trade coffee or tea, and chocolate samples! Listen to music as you shop for summer delights: garden items, bamboo furniture, bird baths, olive oil, scarves, jewellery, bangles, items made from reeds, paper, fabric, clay. Don't forget that wedding gift, and there's also a large sale section! Three floors of beautiful, socially conscious shopping. Pre-shop by viewing (Calgary may not have all items): tenthousandvillages.ca . 10% of all sales go to the work of Project Ploughshares. See you there! Thursday, July 14, 6 to 9pm.

Ploughshares Calgary News



Donations

Donations from individuals in May came to \$1291. From organizations we received \$650. Thanks to all who donated...we sincerely appreciate your support and commitment to the ideals of peacemaking!

Volunteers Needed!

As you refresh yourself this summer, at some point we hope your thoughts turn to Project Ploughshares. Would you like to help in bringing peace to Calgary and the world? Here are some roles we would love volunteers for:

- * assisting with keeping track of orders for our Spolumbo's sausage fundraiser in July and/or August
- * July 14 - greeters needed at 10,000 Villages to welcome people to the sale. Hourly stints from 6-9pm
- * entering into discussion of Ploughshares issues or events on TWITTER or FACEBOOK
- * cultivating a contact in the media
- * being on a friendly committee to organize one event (2 to 5 meetings total!)
- * being a phoner
- * driving a fine elderly lady (21st Ave and 13 St NW) to and from meetings occasionally
- * organizing a speaker
- * writing an article for a magazine
- * finding interesting items we can sell on the Ploughshares table at the Peace Fair etc etc!



Please email Karen at office@ploughsharescalgary.ca or phone her at [403-270-7366](tel:403-270-7366) to tell us your willingness! Together, we will create more peace.

Spring Workshop, May 27th & 28th



Ploughshares' 2011 workshop, *Moving from Fear to Trust: Building Compassion and Community* presented some incredibly solid ideas about community and trustbuilding. James Nguen began the day with a focus on Sudan and spoke about what the communities need to do in order to move forward. These included communities reaffirming their shared values, respect, responsibility, honesty and accountability. He spoke about the shattered relationships within communities as a result of the war, and how trust within families had eroded, and he felt that important keys in advancing community-building now are political stability, bottom-up and inside-driven development, and education and experience.

His stories of being one of the Lost Boys and of finding his mother alive after 20 years of separation were remarkable and touching.

Janyce Konkin followed up with her comparative analysis of Western and African systems of justice, and the differences between collectivist and individualist societies, suggesting that some blend of the two approaches would allow us to create a new paradigm that works for everyone. Janyce led some interactive exercises with workshop participants focusing on building trust as well as what the most important elements are for building and maintaining trust. In summary, in order to be an effective trust-builders, we need to learn to work with people whose worldview is different than our own, people who challenge our assumptions, as well as people whose presence may threaten our sense of security. The building blocks of trust include: honesty about our failures; purity in our motives; unselfishness in support of others; and love in our readiness to forgive and accept forgiveness. As the Dalai Lama has said, "Trust is the social capital on which our democratic institutions depend. Compassion is the pillar of world peace."



SPOLUMBO SAUSAGES FOR SUMMER ORDER NOW!!

Deadlines for ordering: June 28 and July 20
Orders ready: week of July 18, week of August 8



Spolumbos is kindly making a Project Ploughshares fundraiser possible with seven types of their delicious, renowned sausages - all natural, gluten-free with no fillers, binders or preservatives. A Calgary homegrown business and 100% prime Alberta pork and poultry. Enormous savings over store prices for you!! Trays contain 18 fresh sausage-links. A slight reduction for a case (two trays).

#	Sausage Type	Cost of 2.75 kg tray	Quantity ordered?	Cost of 5.5 kg case	Quantity ordered?	Savings for 5.5 kg (2 trays) over grocery store prices
911	Spicy Italian Sausage	32.50		64.50		20.48
909	Mild Italian Sausage	32.50		64.50		20.48
901	Bratwurst Sausage	34.50		68.50		18.95
930	Chicken Apple Sausage	39.90		79.50		18.95
938	Chicken Sundried Sausage	45.50		90.50		Not found in grocery store
200	Maple Breakfast Sausage	36.50		72.50		Not found in grocery store
932	Chicken Blueberry Sausage	44.50		88.50		Not found in grocery store
SUB-TOTALS						
GRAND TOTAL DUE						\$

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

You may choose to pick up the sausages from Parkdale United Church, the week of **July 18 (DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 - please specify which pick-up week you wish)** or the week of **August 8 (DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: MONDAY, JULY 18)**. You will be called or emailed about the exact day of availability closer to the day in each case. Spolumbos requires more than two weeks to process the order.

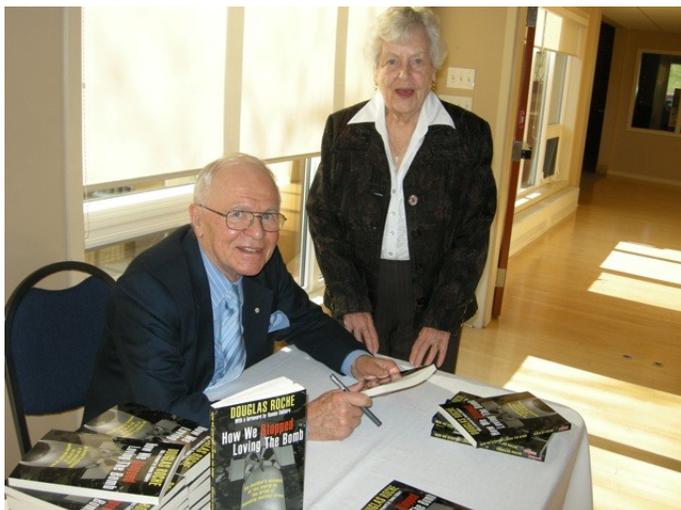
To order, please send your name, email address, phone number, choice of pick up week, cheque and the details of the order to:

Project Ploughshares
c/o- Parkdale United Church
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Calgary, AB T2N 1C8

Thanks for supporting the cause of peace! May you have a peaceful summer!

How We STOPPED Loving the Bomb!

Synopsis of Speech by the Hon. Douglas Roche O.C. May 11 at Project Ploughshares Calgary



It is impossible to convey the eloquence and passion with which Hon. Douglas Roche addressed the issue of nuclear abolition for a large Ploughshares audience on May 11. One gripping image he gave was that we do not allow murder on our streets, so why are we willing to have murders resulting from nuclear weapons raining down on the world? He stated that when nuclear disarmament becomes a social movement, it will be unstoppable. He reminded us that every new social movement, such as the movements to end slavery, apartheid and colonization, is first ignored, then vigorously opposed, then finally actually becomes the basis of the new social order.

There is an awakening global consciousness. The latest generation is the most hopeful that Mr. Roche has ever known. 'We are

on the side of history', he said. In the last twenty years we have started to close the net on nuclear weapons. Ban-Ki-Moon, the United Nations' Secretary-Generals' Five Point Proposal for Nuclear Disarmament, a vote by the European Parliament, 4700 Mayors for Peace, two thirds of the states in the United Nations have all espoused seeking a nuclear convention (treaty) as the most practical path to nuclear abolition. Even people like President Obama and Ban Ki-Moon, however, are not powerful enough to override the effect of their bureaucracies. Other governments and civil society worldwide must push very strongly for a nuclear convention. "The time for a global, legal ban has come" stated Sen. Roche. "Is saying that some states will not abide by a law a reason not to make the law?"

Sen. Roche challenged the term "Rogues". Who are they? Who is so bad? "It is the weapon itself that is so evil". We need a maturation of the world process to have a world law to prevent something that will destroy the world. The status quo of how we are living is UNACCEPTABLE. If not abolished, nuclear weapons will spread and the chance of their use then goes up exponentially.

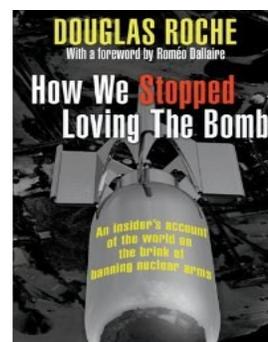
It is terribly important that Iran not acquire nuclear weapons, because if they do, you can be sure that the other Middle East countries will also acquire them. That is not a formula for security. Iran is the perfect example of the two class system we have in terms of nuclear weapons, which is not sustainable for the world.

Two things are noble and necessary: we must have faith in ourselves to effect the change needed, and we must build and inform public policies. We must be part of that social movement to bring about abolition. Nuclear disarmament is not for the faint of heart. Just because it's difficult is no reason to be dissuaded from preparing the path for nuclear abolition. What will it take – a nuclear explosion?

We have an obligation to challenge and act against those forces that would destroy creation. "We're not making this up".

Hon. Roche recommended the book '[The Age of Deception-Nuclear Diplomacy in Treacherous Times](#)' by the distinguished Mohamed Elbaradei. Douglas Roche's twentieth book, '[How We Stopped Loving the Bomb](#)', launched at the event, outlines the current global swing towards a nuclear convention.

To listen to Sen. Roche's message, head to [youtube!](#)



Dysfunctional Disarmament by Ban Ki-moon*

18 May 2011, Wednesday / BAN KI-MOON, GENEVA



GENEVA - As the United Nations Conference on Disarmament begins a seven-week session in Geneva, its future is on the line. Whereas countries and civil-society initiatives are on the move, the Conference has stagnated. Its credibility - indeed, its very legitimacy - is at risk.

The "CD," as it is informally known, has long served as the world's only multilateral forum for negotiating disarmament. Its many impressive accomplishments include the Biological and Chemical Weapons Conventions, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. Much of this progress was achieved during the Cold War.

Yet today, all is not well at the CD. It operates under a consensus rule, and its member states have different priorities. Some want negotiations on nuclear disarmament; others want to ban the production of fissile material or weapon purposes; and still others insist that such a treaty should also cover existing stocks. Some want a treaty on security guarantees for non-nuclear-weapon states to assure them against the threat or use of nuclear weapons; others want a treaty to prevent an arms race in outer space.

But, instead of compromise and the give-and-take of good-faith discussions, there has been paralysis. There was a brief glimmer of hope in 2009, when the sense of paralysis led the Conference to consensus on a program of work. Unfortunately, that agenda was never implemented. As a result, the CD has failed to make any substantive progress for 15 years. We simply must not let one lost decade turn into a second.

The CD's future is in the hands of its member states. But the disarmament and non-proliferation agenda is too important to let the CD lapse into irrelevancy as states consider other negotiating arenas. Last September, I convened a high-level meeting at the UN to consider ways to revitalize the CD's work and to advance multilateral disarmament negotiations.

The participants - who included ministers - were unanimous in stressing that membership of the CD is a privilege. So is the consensus rule. Just one or two countries should not be able to block the organization's work indefinitely.

The message was clear: no more business as usual. The CD's member states must recognize that the Conference's future is at a critical juncture. Continued stalemate increases the risk that some like-minded countries might take up the matter elsewhere.

After all, the deadlock has ominous implications for international security; the longer it persists, the graver the nuclear threat - from existing arsenals, from the proliferation of such weapons, and from their possible acquisition by terrorists.

I have urged the CD to adopt an agenda based either on the consensus that was forged in 2009, or on an alternative arrangement. Upon my request, the UN's entire membership will take up the matter in a first-of-its-kind General Assembly meeting this July. That schedule makes the CD's current session crucial to its future.

Reaffirming the CD's agenda offers the prospect of renewed negotiations on disarmament issues. Prior agreement on the scope or outcome should not be a precondition for talks - or an excuse to avoid them - but rather a subject of the negotiations themselves.

The current stalemate is all the more troubling in view of recent momentum on other disarmament tracks, including last year's successful NPT Review Conference and heightened attention to nuclear security. With the world focused so intently on advancing disarmament goals, the CD should seize the moment.

Shakespeare once wrote that "there is a tide in the affairs of men." The tide of disarmament is rising, yet the CD is in danger of sinking. And it will sink unless it fulfills its responsibility to act.

*Ban Ki-moon is Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Civilians still the primary victims of armed conflict by Ernie Regehr, May 18, 2011



A new report from Oxfam, Protection of Civilians in 2010: Facts, figures, and the UN Security Council's response ([Report](#)), offers a clear and disturbing account of the devastating impact of war, but goes on to present a compelling set of recommendations designed to enhance both national and international protections to vulnerable civilians.

Throughout, the report refers to the lack of reliable information and calls for the international community to become much more consistent in considering responses to crises wherever they occur.

The challenge to protect civilians in the context of armed conflict is a much broader objective than that of the "responsibility to protect." The latter focuses on the prevention of mass atrocities defined by the phrase, "genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity." The protection of civilians is focused on the obligation to prevent harm to civilians in the conduct of hostilities generally – an obligation to protect in all situations, not just those that reach the level of mass atrocities.

Focused on the impact of war on civilians in 2010, here are some highlights from the *Executive Summary*:

"Worldwide, civilians continue to bear the brunt of armed conflict. In 2010, millions of men, women, and children were threatened, injured, killed, raped, displaced, recruited by force, or deprived of safe water and food.

"Reported civilian fatalities in Afghanistan stood at 2,777 for 2010, representing an increase of 15 per cent on 2009 figures.

"Last year, Sudan had both the highest level overall of people remaining internally-displaced – around 5 million – and the highest number of people newly displaced by conflict. In 2010, over 532,000 people were displaced within the country: over half of these were in Darfur and the remainder in Southern Sudan.

"Somalia was further engulfed in fighting and a severe humanitarian crisis. According to UNHCR, 2010 was the worst year in a decade for civilian casualties, with at least 7,600 people reporting weapons-related injuries. Other reports indicate at least 2,100 civilian deaths recorded in Mogadishu alone.

"In Colombia, 2010 saw roughly 280,000 people displaced as a result of internal conflict.

"In Iraq, the positive trend over the past three years of declining civilian casualties continued, but civilian deaths still exceeded 4,000, making it the conflict-affected country with the highest number of civilian fatalities.

"Following spikes in violence in 2009 in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel and Chad, 2010 saw significantly fewer civilian casualties, although the protection of civilians remains an overall concern in those areas.

"The Lord's Resistance Army, operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, and Sudan, continued to regularly attack civilians across these countries, displacing tens of thousands of people. In 2010, 306 known LRA attacks resulted in 355 deaths and 680 abductions."

The report recalls the core mandate of the UNSC to maintain international peace and security and explains that since 1999, especially in the aftermath large-scale civilian atrocities in Sierra Leone, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia, the Security Council has made the protection of civilians a key concern. In an eminently readable and informative account, the report offers a careful and critical assessment of the Security Council's implementation of this commitment.

Here are just two of the report's many recommendations:

"States, whether hosting conflicts or not, should actively work to protect civilians from armed conflict and grave violence by using mediation and diplomatic tools to prevent violence and by acting at the earliest stage of a foreseeable crisis. This requires investment in early-warning capabilities to monitor and respond to rising threats before they erupt."

"At a global level, the UNSC must provide clear leadership in protecting civilians affected by conflict by acting consistently to protect civilians, particularly when the authorizing the use of force, ensuring that such authorization is based on a clear articulation of threats and risks to civilians, and indicating how the proposed actions will minimize and address such threats."

For the full report, go to the Oxfam website :

<http://www.oxfam.org/sites/www.oxfam.org/files/protection-of-civilians-in-2010-09052011-en.pdf>
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Calgary Peace Events



Vigil for the Japanese
Thursday June 30th, 5—6 pm
Calgary Community Peace Pole
 (situated in the Peace Park, just to the east of the 10 Street SW LRT bridge)

Please join us in remembering all the victims and their families of the triple tragedy in Japan. Project Ploughshares Calgary would like to show support and solidarity with the Calgary Japanese community as well as with Japanese people globally. This will be an informal, community-focused event. Please come by and help us in showing compassion for all those affected by the earthquake, tsunami, and the damaged nuclear reactors.

Looking Ahead...

What IS Peace Education Anyway?
October 12, 2011—7:30 pm
Parkdale United Church Conference Room

Our Program Director, Karen Huggins, will lead an interactive meeting on the many facets of Peace Education.



Singing for Peace Fundraiser
October 15, 2011, 7:30 pm, Parkdale United Church
Featuring Barry Luft

Barry Luft's singing has woven rich, colourful threads into the fabric of folk-style music in Alberta for more than thirty years. Join us for our annual Singing for Peace concert for a very enjoyable evening!

Annual Peace Fair
St. David's United Church
November 26th, 2011

Save the date for this annual crowd-pleaser!



Yes! I want to become a Project Ploughshares Calgary donor and partner in building peace.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Here is my donation for 2010 of:

\$35 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$ _____
 (donations of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt)

I'd like to become a Friend of Ploughshares and give a monthly pre-authorized debit donation, please send me an application form:

I'd like to receive the monthly newsletter by:

Email (recommended) Mail (with \$35 donation)

**Consortium for Peace Studies
2011 Summer Institute in
Peacebuilding and
Social Justice
July 18—22, 2011
University of Calgary**



The **Summer Institute** will be offered as a block week course (35-40 classroom hours), housed in the Faculty of Social Work and open to students from any faculty registered in Graduate and Undergraduate degree programs, **as well as members of the general public.**

The SI will focus on understanding and analyzing selected theories and practice methods of peacebuilding / conflict resolution as seen through a social justice lens. Participants will be given a cross-disciplinary perspective on processes that lead toward progressive, non-violent change as it relates to the individual, society (local / global) and the environment.



The instructor, Dr. Thomas Mark Turay, has been brought back this year by popular demand. Dr. Turay has over twenty-five years' professional experience as a community-based development practitioner, educator and training consultant, as well as over 30 years experience as a peace activist.

For more information, please call Saima at (403) 220-2136, or email peaceuc@ucalgary.ca. At the time of this writing, **there were still 6 spaces available for the general public.**

All that we Share: Civic Engagement in Calgary

Jay Walljasper

Saturday June 4, 2011

**Kahanoff Conference Centre, 200, 1202 Centre Street S
Sponsored by the Calgary Centre for Global Community**



Calgary garnered a lot of attention in 2010 for the wave of civic engagement that swept the city leading up to the fall elections. What better way to mark the arrival of spring than by meeting others who have been keeping the civic spirit alive over the long cold winter months?

As part of our Networking Neighbourhoods, Connecting Communities program, we are pleased to welcome [Jay Walljasper](#) to Calgary to share with us what he's learned about making the most of urban living through civic participation.



Jay Walljasper is a Senior Fellow at [Project for Public Spaces](#) and a fellow at [On The Commons](#). A popular speaker and award-winning writer and editor, Jay covers a wide variety of topics, with particular specialties in community and urban issues, travel, sustainability, cultural commentary, and the commons. Walljasper is the author of *All That We Share A Field Guide to the Commons* (2011), *The Great Neighborhood Book* (2007), and *Visionaries: People and Ideas to Change Your Life* (2001).

Come for Jay's presentation and stay for the participatory workshop to follow! It will be a great opportunity to sink your teeth into some of the ideas presented and to learn from the experiences of others in the room.