

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Twenty-second Annual Spring Student Conference  
*Resolving Conflicts over Human Needs and Rights*

Friday, April 18, 2008, Lakeland College, Sheboygan

**Keynote Speaker:** Thomas Walker, Professor of Political Science, Ohio University

How has our awareness of human rights issues changed our sense of responsibility for others around the globe? What new roles can groups and individuals play in working to resolve conflicts over human needs and rights? How have relationships among governmental, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, corporations and citizen activists changed as they respond to issues that transcend national boundaries? What are some innovative responses to local and global issues, such as environmental and health issues, which go beyond traditional solutions and structures? How have the actions

of groups seeking human rights—such as women, children, the poor, and the stateless—recast notions of identity on a local and global stage?

Lakeland College and the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies invite college and university students from Wisconsin and surrounding states to send submissions for its 22nd Annual Student Conference. The conference is open to students from all disciplines. Proposals for papers, round tables, arts presentations, and persuasive speeches from college and university students can be made by mail or email and are due February 15, 2008; completed work due April 1, 2008.

Send proposals to Dr. Krista Feinberg (History),  
Lakeland College, P.O. Box 359, Sheboygan, WI 53082  
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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Twenty-fourth Annual Fall Conference  
*The World and Business: Responsibilities, Obligations, and Profit*

October 17-18, 2008, Carthage College, Kenosha

**Keynote Speaker:** Douglass Cassel, Director of the Notre Dame Center for Civil and Human Rights

In the current international setting, where trade barriers are decreasing and global interdependence is increasing, the rule of law has become even more important and businesses must understand these changes if they want to be successful. Part of understanding these changes and the current international arena means being able to comprehend the various political, cultural, and linguistic similarities and differences that exist in the state where businesses are trying to open a subsidiary. Moreover, businesses typically seek an environment free of conflict.

The conference invites papers and round-table discussion panels that focus on: the role of multi-national and trans-national corporations in world business and their effect on states; how states encourage businesses to invest where they do; obligations and responsibilities that states and businesses have to respect human rights and

international law; the relationship between business and the environment; the role of human rights, the environment, health, wages, and/or work conditions in attracting international companies to states; how knowledge of the local culture, language, and political system help businesses to be successful; the effect of businesses and economic growth on indigenous communities; the effect of inter- and intra-state conflicts on business; the relationship of multilateral organizations and economic development; and conflicts that businesses or states may have regarding any of the above topics. Papers, Presentations, and Roundtable proposals from all disciplines are welcome. Please send a short (approx. 150 words) abstract, along with a 1-2 pg. c.v., postal address, e-mail address, and phone number by March 1, 2008. To register for the conference or to obtain more information, visit [www.carthage.edu/wipcs](http://www.carthage.edu/wipcs).

Send proposals to Dr. Jeffrey Roberg (Political Science),  
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## CALL FOR PAPERS

THE JOURNAL FOR THE STUDY OF PEACE AND CONFLICT

The journal of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, ISSN 1095-1962, publishes a variety of scholarly articles, essays, and poetry on topics such as war, peace, global cooperation, domestic violence, and interpersonal conflict resolution; including questions of military and political security, the global economy, and global environmental issues. We wish to promote discussion of both strategic and ethical questions surrounding issues of war, peace, the environment, and justice.

The Wisconsin Institute is committed to a balanced review of diverse perspectives. Submissions are welcome from all disciplines. Our intended audience includes scholars from a wide range of interests within the university community and educated members of the larger public. The format allows the publication of original previously-unpublished works of sufficient length to give authors the opportunity to discuss a particular topic in depth. Other forms of creative writing are invited. Contributors should avoid submissions accessible only to specialists in their field. The Journal for the Study of Peace and Conflict may also include book reviews. Persons interested in reviewing should contact the editor.

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The Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies and Carthage College's Clausen Center for World Business and Department of Political Science invite you to attend our 24th Annual Fall Conference on, "The World and Business: Responsibilities, Obligations, and Profit." Join us for paper presentations and panel discussions on globalization and international business and how businesses affect and are affected by the levels of peace and conflict in regions of the world where they operate. In the current international setting, where trade barriers are decreasing and global interdependence is increasing, the rule of law has become even more important and businesses must understand these changes if they want to be successful. Part of understanding these changes and the current international arena means being able to comprehend the various political, cultural, and linguistic similarities and differences that exist in the state where businesses are trying to open a subsidiary.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Douglass Cassel. Douglass Cassel is Director of the Notre Dame Center for Civil and Human Rights and is a Notre Dame Presidential Fellow. Prior to joining the faculty of Notre Dame, Professor Cassel was clinical professor and director of the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University School of Law. Specializing in international human rights and international criminal law, he was also the executive director of the International Human Rights Law Institute at DePaul University College of Law and of its Jeanne and Joseph Sullivan Program for Human Rights in the Americas from 1990 until 1998. He has also been a consultant to the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the United States Department of State, and the Ford Foundation. He lectures worldwide and his articles are published internationally in English and Spanish. His commentaries on human rights are published in the Chicago Tribune and broadcast weekly on National Public Radio in Chicago.

The conference invites papers and round-table discussion panels from all academic disciplines and from the private sector. The Call for Papers is inside this issue. To register for the conference or to obtain more information, visit [www.carthage.edu/wipcs](http://www.carthage.edu/wipcs), or contact Dr. Jeffrey Roberg (Political Science), Carthage College, 2001 Alford Park Drive, Kenosha, WI 53140 or [jroberg@carthage.edu](mailto:jroberg@carthage.edu). Phone: 262-551-5805.



A. W. Clausen Center for World Business, Carthage College

## From the Director



Deborah Buffton  
Executive Director  
2007-2008

It is a pleasure to begin this term as the new Executive Director of the Wisconsin Institute, following Geoff Bradshaw, whose excellent leadership left the Institute in very good shape. This is my second stint as Executive director, the first having been from 1995 to 1998. Having served on the Executive Council since 1993 (and being an historian!), it feels appropriate to reflect on the life cycle and evolution of this group, the changes and the continuities.

Over the years some things have remained the same. We still operate on a shoestring financially. That can be discouraging as the dreams of what we would like to do sometimes outrun our budget. But it can also be helpful, keeping us focused on the immediate and the possible and keeping us from getting lazy and overly content.

Among our institutional members, some have been with us from the beginning or nearly so, and we appreciate their steadfastness. Others have joined more recently, and we rejoice in the energy and new ideas that they bring.

The challenge of the world situation, which first inspired this group to form back in 1984, unfortunately, has not changed. Terrorism, biological and chemical warfare, and global warming have overshadowed the earlier concerns of nuclear proliferation, but the stakes are equally high and the dangers to the earth's survival remain. And so our work to get people to think seriously and critically about peace and conflict continues to be as important and as relevant as ever.

In Harvey Sarles' poem "Vision Quests" he writes:

*There are: places, nations, cultures, times where youth is directed toward a search for some essential being... vocation, calling, vision.*

*A vision that enables is a model, a mold, an against-which to measure what is now.*

*Which visions contain the space for approaching times?*

May we, as an institution and as individuals, continue to pursue the visions that will contain the "space for approaching times."

\*In *Next Places: Seeing Yourself/Seeking Your Future* (Minneapolis: Syren Book Company, 2006).

## Speakers Program 2007-2008

Our Speakers Program continues to be a terrific benefit for participating institutions. Participating institutions of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies may invite lecturers from the Speakers Program to speak on their campuses at no charge, subject to availability. Invite a speaker to give a guest lecture to a class, address a meeting of a campus organization, or participate in a conference. This year there is an outstanding line-up of 56 talks offered by 21 faculty members from colleges and universities around Wisconsin. What a great way for faculty from member schools to share research and teaching interests!

Go to our Web page, [www.wisconsin-institute.org](http://www.wisconsin-institute.org), for a complete list of talks and speakers and contact the Institute at [winst@uwsp.edu](mailto:winst@uwsp.edu) or (715) 346-3383 to make arrangements.

## New Council Members

The Institute is very pleased to welcome a new participating institution, **Lawrence University**, in Appleton, Wisconsin. Each member institution of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies has a representative on the Executive Council, the decision-making body of the Institute. This fall, the Institute welcomes two new representatives.

### Jasmine Yep

Director  
ArtsBridge Program  
Lawrence University

### Lara Grusczyński

Assistant Professor  
History and Political Science  
Cardinal Stritch University

## Reports from Past Conferences

Fall Conference, 2007

### Multiculturalism, Pluralism, and Globalization

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

The first weekend in October was unseasonably warm in La Crosse as the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse hosted the annual WIPCS conference. This year's theme, "Multiculturalism, Pluralism, and Globalization" could not have been more timely. As our world teeters on the brink of catastrophe with one international crisis after another, it was good to join together to discuss the things that divide us and those that unite us. There were over 40 presentations on topics as diverse as multicultural education (K through university); the politics of globalization; human rights in a pluralistic world; the multicultural nature of peace efforts; the philosophy of nonviolence; and ethnic, religious and sexual identity in Britain, Brazil, France, and Iran, among many others. Many participants commented that they had long been interested in the issues raised, but had had few opportunities to discuss them with others.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Harvey Sarles of the Cultural Studies Department at the University of Minnesota, offered a provocative talk entitled, "Who Owns the World?" A book sale by the Human Rights and Peace Store and a paddleboat cruise on the Mississippi River rounded out the event. The conference received support from the UWL History Department and the Office of International Education.

For more information, please contact Deborah Buffton ([buffton.debo@uwlax.edu](mailto:buffton.debo@uwlax.edu)) Department of History, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 1725 State Street, La Crosse, WI 54601

## Awards

The Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies is pleased to announce that **Kent Shifferd** is the recipient of the 2006-2007 Dick Ringle Distinguished Peace Educator Award. Dr. Shifferd is professor emeritus of history and peace studies at Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin. Kent was one of the founders of the Wisconsin Institute and has been an essential supporter of it for many years. He has served as Executive Director and as the editor of the Journal. He has long been an energizing and inspiring member of the Executive Council, encouraging new ideas and welcoming new people. As a participant in the Speakers Program, he has made many presentations all over the state, presenting important but controversial information in a way that was received and seriously considered rather than simply being filtered out. This is largely because of his warmth and genuineness, as well as his firm grasp of factual information.

Spring Student Conference, 2007

### Blurred Boundaries: New Responses to Global Problems

Alverno College

Alverno College in Milwaukee hosted the annual student conference on April 13, 2007. Jackie Smith, from the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, set the tone for the day, inspiring students to learn about the world and to get involved in the solutions to some of the world's problems. The paper presentations that followed showed that many Wisconsin students are doing just that. Topics spanned the globe, from Latin America to Africa, to Asia, and to Europe, addressing such issues as epidemics, human trafficking, genocide, economic inequality, climate change, and weapons. The opportunity to fine-tune and present their research, and to interact with students and faculty from across the state, is an invaluable experience for students. The conference reflects the mission of the Institute and of our member institutions to educate engaged global citizens. Four students were honored with Student Conference Paper Awards, a certificate and cash award: **Jessica Bourke and Elizabeth Weigel of St. Norbert College, Erin Helbing of Lakeland College, and Jenna Schwalbach of Alverno College.** Congratulations and thank you to all student participants and to faculty at WIPCS member campuses who encouraged their students to participate.

For more information, please contact Donna Engelmann ([donna.engelmann@alverno.edu](mailto:donna.engelmann@alverno.edu)) Department of Philosophy, Alverno College, 3400 S. 43rd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53234

Kent Shifferd founded the Peace Studies Program at Northland College. Over the years, he has taken many students on service projects. One lasting effect of this is the Blue Mountain Project, a nonprofit program begun by one of his former students. The project promotes sustainable community development in rural Jamaica. Currently, Kent serves on the Blue Mountain Project board. Another of his former students works for the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice. Kent is a Midwest Board Member of Educators for Social Responsibility. He has also done organizational development work with the Nonviolent Peaceforce, Hand in Hand, Bad River Indian Tribe, Wisconsin Judicare, and public schools. In all his activities, Kent represents the values and goals of the Wisconsin Institute.

## Mission and Membership Information

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies is an organization of universities, colleges, and individuals dedicated to promoting an informed understanding of peace, justice, and conflict and to encouraging students, teachers, academics, and the public to become engaged global citizens working toward a just peace.

The Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies encourages multidisciplinary teaching and research on:

- the roots of conflict at all levels of human experience;
- national and global security issues;
- global cooperation, human rights, and international law;
- environmental responsibility and global sustainability;
- methods of and context for conflict resolution and reconciliation; and
- factors necessary for peace, on an interpersonal level as well as on a global scale.

The Institute is receptive to teaching and research which proceeds along both traditional and nontraditional lines and provides forums where all viewpoints may be expressed and contemplated. As such, the Institute does not prejudice judgment about these issues with a particular ideology.

The Institute strengthens its member institutions by providing opportunities for students, faculty, and administrators from a variety of institutions and disciplines to share research and expertise and to engage each other in thoughtful discussions of issues involving peace and conflict.

The Institute's programs and outreach include:

- a speakers program;
- conferences for students, academics, and the general public;
- an annual refereed journal;
- an organizational newsletter;
- annual awards for faculty and students; and
- opportunities for sharing curricula and teaching methods.

The Institute was founded in 1985 as a nonprofit, non-stock corporation under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin statutes.

## Membership Information

*Support the Institute, Become a Member!*

An **Individual Membership** is available for a contribution of \$35 for the year. Benefits include a subscription to the Bulletin, a copy of the Journal for the Study of Peace and Conflict, full or partial waiver of the registration fees for the two annual conferences, and borrowing privileges from the media library.

Become a **Supporting Member** with a contribution of \$100 or more.

A **Student Affiliate Membership**, available for \$15, offers a free registration to the next student conference and a subscription to the Bulletin.

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