

Schedule of Events

Thursday, Nov. 3

- 4:30 PM
Wilder 115
“Why Are They So Mad at Us?
Why Are We Under Attack?”
(for student activists and faith-based
groups dealing with antagonism.)
Roger Conner '69
- 7:30 PM
*West Lecture Hall
Science Center*
Effective Activism: How Can We
Create Deep and Lasting Social Change?
Linking Student Activism for Peace,
Justice and the Environment to Conflict
Resolution
David Hart '86

Friday, Nov. 4

- 12:00 PM
Wilder 101
Panel: OCDC's Role on Campus
*Donna Ancypa Holmes '91, Pari Mody '06,
Andrea Stokes '05, Kim Jackson Davidson,
Grace Han '02*
- 1:45 PM
Wilder 101
What Do We in the Conflict
Resolution Community Have to
Offer to the Political Debate about Iraq?
Charles "Chip" Hauss '69
- 4:30 PM
*West Lecture Hall
Science Center*
Spiritually-Grounded Peacemaking:
Lessons from the Real World
Daniel Gomez-Ibanez '64
- 7:30 PM
*Craig Auditorium
Science Center*
Beyond Neutrality—Confronting
the Crisis in Conflict Resolution
Bernard Mayer '68

Saturday, Nov. 5

- 11:00 AM
*Hallock Auditorium
Lewis Center*
Panel: Global Responsibilities/Local
Realities: Conflict Resolution at Oberlin
*Kathy Bickmore '79, David Hart '86, Leah
Wing '84. Moderator: Diane Kenty '77*
- 2:00 PM
Peters Great Hall
Networking Session
Sponsored by Career Services and OCDC
- 3:00 PM
*Hallock Auditorium
Lewis Center*
The Murals of Belfast: Narratives of
Conflict, Resistance and Hope in
Public Art
Leah Wing '84
- 4:30 PM
*West Lecture Hall
Science Center*
Resolving Policy Conflict in
International Health, Development,
and Human Rights
Mark Belsey '56
- 7:30 PM
*Craig Auditorium
Science Center*
America the Divided/Who's To Blame?
Roger Conner '69

Sunday, Nov. 6

- 11:00 AM
Wilder 115
Student Leadership Series in Conflict
Resolution and Communication
Leah Wing '84

Lecture Descriptions

America the Divided: Who's to Blame?
Roger Conner's current work is on public advocacy, which he defines as anyone using a claim of representing public interest while trying to influence public policy outcomes. Roger has a new framework to think about how activists operate—a two-by-two matrix with strategy (push or pull) and stance (friend or foe). He will be discussing this in his lecture.

Effective Activism: How Can We Create Deep and Lasting Social Change?
David Hart talks about practical steps to transform activism from protest to policy making. Can the skills of the emerging professional field of conflict resolution offer anything of value to student activists who are committed to a lifetime of peacemaking? An opportunity to engage in an empowering conversation about making our work count.

What Do We in the Conflict Resolution Community Have to Offer to the Political Debate about Iraq?
The United States is at war in Iraq. By the time this symposium occurs, more than 2,000 Americans will have died. What, if anything, does the conflict resolution community have to contribute to our national debate on this issue? Please join us in this thought-provoking talk with *Charles Hauss*.

Spiritually-Grounded Peacemaking: Lessons from the Real World
Daniel Gomez-Ibanez will discuss his experience working with the Peace Councilors in a variety of conflict situations during the last decade and in different parts of the world. His lecture will include stories that illustrate what can happen when one takes a non-conventional approach to peacemaking.

Beyond Neutrality: Confronting the Crisis in Conflict Resolution
An interactive discussion with *Bernard Mayer* about his new “passionate and provocative book, (that) challenges the field of conflict resolution to reinvent itself so as to include the advocacy and engagement at its core. Mayer practices what he preaches by engaging us in a vital discussion sure to stir productive controversy.”

The Murals of Belfast: Narratives of Conflict, Resistance and Hope in Public Art
A talk and slide show by *Leah Wing* that examines the role of public art in “The Troubles.” We will explore the meanings of the murals as sites for the articulation of oppression, territorial claim, and community identity. We will also address recent activities underway in Belfast with regards to cross-community mural work.

Resolving Policy Conflict in International Health, Development and Human Rights
Mark Belsey will provide an overview of the political and cultural context of health development and human rights from the Cold War to the present, with a specific focus on examples of successes and failures in resolving policy conflicts such as induced abortion and health services, infant and young child nutrition, the polarization and politicization of women's reproductive health and family health and values, and AIDS.

Thank you!!

The Oberlin College Dialogue Center would like to thank the following individuals, departments, and organizations for their help and support in bringing this symposium to life.

OC Alumni in the field of Conflict Resolution,
Social Justice, and Peace

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The Oberlin College Dialogue Center

presents

A Symposium on

Global Responsibilities

Local Realities

Conflict Resolution at Oberlin

Oberlin College
Nov. 3-6, 2005

The Oberlin College Dialogue Center welcomes you to “**Local Realities, Global Responsibilities: Conflict Resolution at Oberlin and in the World.**” This symposium features more than a dozen alumni presenters from various conflict resolution subfields and covers diverse topics including effective activism, international health and human rights, American public opinion, and spiritually grounded peacemaking.

The symposium aims to educate Oberlin students about the crucial role of conflict resolution in the world today, introduce students to opportunities for conflict resolution work in a variety of fields, and connect present students to the large network of Oberlin alumni working in the field of conflict resolution. All events are free of charge and open to the Oberlin College community and the public at large.

The symposium has been supported by the Dean of the College, the Office of the President, and many other campus offices, including the faculty of the Departments of Sociology and Politics.

The Committee

Matt Adler (OC '07)

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Andrea Stokes, *LGBT Community Coordinator, Multicultural Resource Center* (OC '05)

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MARK A. BELSEY, M.D.

Dr. Mark Belsey '56 served at the World Health Organization for 25 years. He managed the epidemiological research and clinical trials on abortion technologies and services, oral hormonal contraceptives, and infertility. As head of maternal and child health and family planning, he helped direct the policies and programs in such areas as adolescent reproductive health and safe motherhood. Since his retirement from WHO in 1996 he has been a consultant to the People's Republic of China, WHO, UNICEF, the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank in the areas of international health development and the human rights of women and children. He is currently a member of the advisory committee of the Child Rights Division of Human Rights Watch and the program committee of Doctors of the World. His latest book is titled *AIDS and the Family: Policy Options for a Crises in Family Capital*.

KATHY BICKMORE, Ph.D.

Kathy Bickmore '79 is Associate Professor of Curriculum at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, Canada. She is chair of the Citizenship Education Research Network of Canada, and is on the leadership councils of the Association for Conflict Resolution's Education Section, and the Peace Education Commission of the International Peace Research Association. She teaches and conducts research about education for constructive conflict, conflict resolution, equity, and inclusive democracy in public school contexts. Her work appears in such books as *Handbook of Conflict Management, How Children Understand War and Peace*, and journals such as *Conflict Resolution Quarterly, Journal of Peace Education*, and the *Canadian Journal of Education*. She is guest editor of theme issues of *Theory and Research in Social Education (Peacebuilding Citizenship Education, 2004)* and *Theory Into Practice (Teaching Conflict Resolution: Preparation for Pluralism)*.

ROGER CONNER, J.D.

Since graduating from the University of Michigan Law School in 1973, Roger Conner '69 has been a non-profit entrepreneur specializing in translating ideas into action. He has drafted and lobbied for legislation now on the books at the local, state, and federal levels; he has provided technical assistance and training for the U.S. Departments of Justice and Housing and Urban Development; and he has brought political leaders from left and right together to seek consensus on divisive issues. As a writer, teacher, consultant, and trainer, he is currently exploring new approaches to advocacy that give voice to those who feel aggrieved and excluded while at the same time generating win-win outcomes and new relationships of trust. An important part of his work is helping researchers and activists alike to translate their ideas into practical, fundable projects.

MICHELE GOLDFARB, J.D.

Michele Goldfarb '72 has served as the director of the University of Pennsylvania's student disciplinary system for ten years. She is trained as a lawyer, has spent a number of years as a criminal prosecutor, and currently teaches in Penn Law School's Mediation Clinic. She has led numerous workshops and trainings involving academic integrity, ethical issues, conflict resolution, and mediation. She has served on many university committees charged with reviewing and formulating policy on issues of alcohol and other substance abuse, hazing, and sexual assault. Michele received her J.D. from the Washington College of Law at American University in 1975. Most importantly, she is the proud parent of Genevieve Lehr, Oberlin College Class of 2006 and member of the Oberlin College Dialogue Center.

DANIEL GOMEZ-IBANEZ, Ph.D.

Daniel Gomez-Ibanez '64 is the founder of the Peace Council and serves as its executive director. The Peace Council is an organization built around a core membership of about 22 of the world's religious and spiritual leaders. From 1991 to 1993, as the executive director of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, he organized the 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions, the largest and most diverse gathering of world religious and spiritual leaders ever assembled. He was instrumental in producing the document *Toward a Global Ethic*; an Initial Declaration signed by over 100 religious and spiritual leaders at the Parliament. He is a trustee of the International Committee for the Peace Council.

DAVID A. HART

David A. Hart '86 is chief executive officer of the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR). ACR represents and serves a diverse national and international audience that includes more than 6,000 mediators, arbitrators, facilitators, educators, and others involved in the field of conflict resolution and collaborative decision-making. Prior to this, David served as the director of the U.S. Department of Justice-funded Americans with Disabilities Act Mediation Program at the Key Bridge Foundation in Washington, D.C. He holds a bachelor's degree in peace and conflict resolution studies from Oberlin College and a master's degree in political science from Syracuse University's Maxwell School. While at Syracuse, he earned Certificates of Achievement from the Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflict, and the Institute on Creative Conflict Management.

CHIP HAUSS, Ph.D.

Charles “Chip” Hauss '69 is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Public and International Affairs at George Mason University, and the director of Policy and Research at Search for Common Ground-USA. A 20-year veteran of efforts to move the world from confrontational to cooperative forms of problem solving, Hauss has concentrated his efforts at Search for Common Ground on domestic politics in the United States. Currently, he is developing projects to bring conflict resolution into the mainstream of academic life, bridge the “culture war” divide most notably between the secular left and Evangelical Christians, and bring liberals and conservatives together on national security issues.

EDWARD HARTFIELD

Edward Hartfield '72 has been privileged to have 30+ years as a full-time conflict resolution professional, including service to the New Jersey Office of Citizen Complaints in an ombudsman capacity, the New Jersey Office of Dispute Settlement as a state mediator, a Commissioner with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Washington, D.C., and Detroit. Ed has also served as the internal president in SPIDR, the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution, and two terms as a presidential appointee to the Federal Services Impasse Panel. He has been the executive director of the National Center for Dispute Settlement since 1988.

DIANE E. KENTY, M.Div., J.D.

Diane E. Kenty '77, directs the Office of Court Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Maine Administrative Office of the Courts. In that role, she administers—and serves on—statewide mediation rosters for domestic relations matters, small claims, land use/environmental disputes and civil litigation, as well as rosters for early neutral evaluation, and arbitration of civil cases. Diane is secretary/treasurer of the Policy Consensus Initiative and a leader of the Maine Collaborative Governance Working Group. From 2002 to 2005, Diane served on the board of directors of the Association for Conflict Resolution. She has also served as vice president of Maine Association of Dispute Resolution Professionals (MADRP) and on its Board of Governors. Her most recent publication is “The Calls to Look Out For: Ethical Challenges in Court ADR Programs,” *ACResolution* (Spring, 2004).

BERNARD MAYER, Ph.D.

Bernard Mayer '68 is a partner at CDR Associates in Boulder, Colorado. Since the late 1970s, Mayer has worked as a mediator, facilitator, trainer, researcher, and dispute systems designer. He has mediated or facilitated the resolution of labor management, public policy, ethnic, business, family, community, and intergovernmental conflicts. He has worked with many international and non-governmental organizations and corporations as well as in federal and local government entities in Europe, North America, and Asia. He is the author of many works on conflict resolution, including *The Dynamics of Conflict Resolution: A Practitioners Guide* (2000) and *Beyond Neutrality: Confronting the Crisis in Conflict Resolution* (2004).

LEAH WING, Ed.D.

Leah Wing '84 is on the faculty in the Legal Studies Department at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, where she has taught Dispute Resolution since 1993. Her recent courses have applied Critical Race theory to mediation and issues of environmental justice. She has been a mediator and trainer since 1985, working with a variety of educational institutions and non-profits on the intersections between oppression, diversity, and conflict resolution. Leah developed an approach to mediation training and intervention that incorporates a social justice lens. She is on the Board of Directors of the Association for Conflict Resolution and is a member of the editorial board of *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*.