

Rotary Peace Centers



# Alumni





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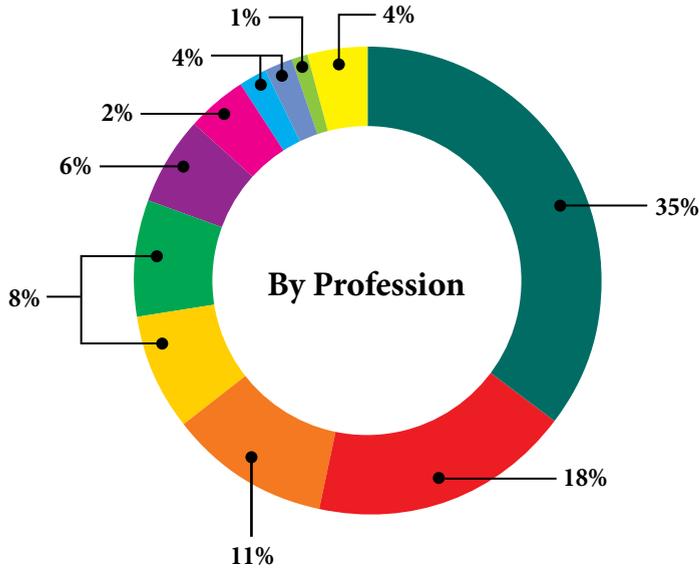
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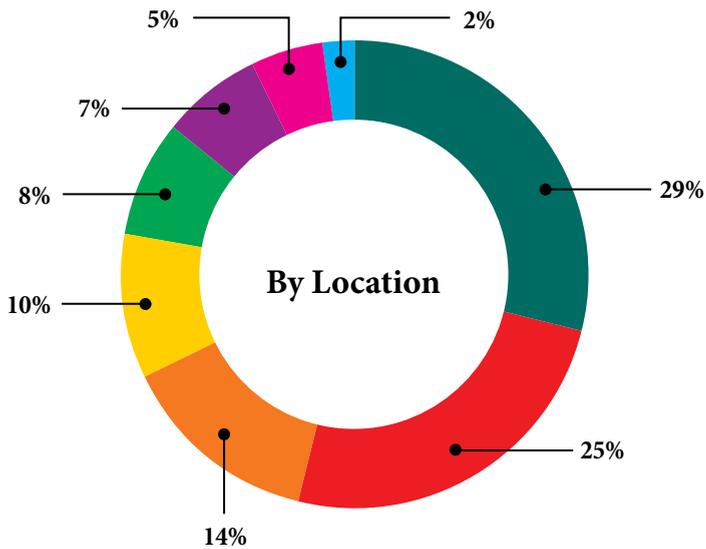
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Rotary Peace Centers program alumni are effective in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to increased understanding and peace. More than 600 Rotary Peace Centers alumni are working across the globe with such international organizations as the World Bank, the International Labor Organization, the Organization of American States, and the United Nations, as well as with international governments, bilateral and international nongovernmental organizations, and consulting firms. This brochure highlights alumni already making a difference in the world.

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# Africa



## **Mahamoud sh.ahmad**

(Bradford, 2008-10) works for Action Aid International as program support coordinator for development in Hargeisa, Somalia. He also teaches several classes at the University of Admas. "I would like to appeal to all Rotarians to keep doing the best job they are doing. Investing in potential future world leaders is the best approach to make a difference in this world — to make peace and understanding prevail on earth."

**Richelieu Allison** (Chula, July 2006) is regional director of the West African Youth Network in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

**Karen Bernstein** (Bradford, 2003-05) is a part of the civil affairs team of UN Mission in Sudan, based in Juba. Her position assists in the set-up and proper functioning of government institutions and political analysis on the ground, as well as works with the HQ Office of Civil Affairs on coordination and policy matters.

**Mwila Chigaga** (Duke/UNC, 2004-06) is the senior regional gender specialist for the African region under the United Nations International Labour Organization in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**John Deporres Ayimbire** (Berkeley, 2007-09) started his own organization in Accra, Ghana, the Center for Peace-Building, Leadership, and Conflict Resolution. It operates in five program areas with peace-building and leadership development as the core areas.

**Karla Fossand** (Sciences Po, 2002-04) is the deputy HIV/AIDS office director for USAID/Namibia.

**Zewdineh Haile** (Berkeley, 2002-04) is a cofounder and managing director of EMAHIZEE Global Consulting (PLC), an international, Africa-based management consulting firm that provides technical, management, legal, and advisory services to help developing and transitioning societies. He is also a president of the African Institute for Arbitration, Mediation, Conciliation, and Research, a nonprofit organization based in California, USA.

**Heidi Hudson** (Chula, July 2008) is a professor at the Centre for Africa Studies, University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa.

**Krishna Jhugroo** (Bradford, 2002-04) is the assistant commissioner of police with the Mauritius Police Force. He is in command of the police for the southern part of the island.

**Karangathi Njoroge** (Chula, January 2011) is the executive director of the Maendeleo Endelevu Action Program, an NGO that pursues sustainable development in Kenya.

**Timothy Kariuki** (Chula, January 2009) is in South Sudan serving as state adviser for conflict mitigation and stabilization initiatives.

**Anas Atengyo Khalifa** (Chula, January 2008) is muf'ti, mediating and presiding, for the Sharia Court of Appeal in Kaduna, Nigeria. He is also imam for the Movement for Islamic Culture and Awareness in Kaduna and has started a capacity building NGO that strives to reduce idleness in youth in Nigeria.

**Laura Kokko** (Sciences Po, 2004-06) works for the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC). Her work is related to the security sector reform activities, but she also participates in disarmament projects.

**Mattias Lindström** (Duke/UNC, 2007-09) works for African Management Services Company in Johannesburg. AMSCO performs capacity building and skills development for small and medium African enterprises.

**Riyeh Magaji** (Chula, January 2007) is the project director of the Community Compassion Development Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works among local communities, in Takum, Ussa, and Yangtu in Taraba State, Nigeria.

**Cecilia Moifula** (Chula, July 2008) is the peace-building coordinator of the Justice and Peace Commission of Caritas of the Catholic Church of Sierra Leone.

**Godfrey Mukalazi** (UQ, 2004-06) is a program officer for peace-building with the Uganda Joint Christian Council in Kampala.

**Nosisa Ncube** (Chula, July 2007) works for the Child and Guardian Foundation. The organization is involved with the protection of orphaned children from abuse and with peace education and training in the rural communities around Bulawayo in Zimbabwe.

She is also part of the Mediators Beyond Borders team for Zimbabwe and has been trained as a facilitator as part of the Alternatives to Violence Program in Zimbabwe.

**Cecilia Nedziwe** (UQ, 2006-08) consults with the Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa on their regional and national programs.

**Israel Newberry** (Chula, July 2008) is working on a contract for Winrock International in Liberia, implementing a USAID energy sector project for the Liberia Energy Sector Support Program. This pilot project focuses on hydro-electricity in rural communities.

**Robert Opira** (UQ, 2005-07) is a peace and conflict consultant, providing technical support to humanitarian agencies helping internally displaced persons in Northern Uganda. He is also the director of the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution in Uganda. He lives in Gulu Town.

**Kouname Remi Oussou** (ICU, 2007-09) is a monitoring and evaluation officer in the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) program for the UNDP in Bangui, Central African Republic.

**Antonia Porter** (Berkeley, 2007-09) is a project officer for conflict intervention and peace-building support at the Centre for Conflict Resolution in Cape Town, South Africa.

**Analia Ramos** (Bradford, 2004-06) is involved in drought and emergency projects in Africa and Latin America under FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations).

**Tito Revereal** (Chula, June 2010) is a program adviser for ZOA Refugee Care in South Sudan.



## **Carolyn Fanelli**

(UQ, 2002-04) is the country representative for Catholic Relief Services in Sudan, based in Khartoum. “Not many organizations are brave enough to talk seriously about world peace as something that could actually be attainable, and not as some misty-eyed vision of a dreamer. What amazes me about Rotary is that this optimistic world view is shared among Rotarians everywhere you go and motivates their actions — like the decision to start the Rotary Peace Fellowship. The Rotary Peace Fellowship inspired me to see possibilities instead of impossibilities.”



## Amanda Martin

(Chula, January 2011) is based in Bangkok, where she works for ALTSEAN-Burma, a network of organizations and individuals based in ASEAN member states working to support the movement for human rights and democracy in Burma. “The Rotary Peace Fellowship introduced me to peace and justice issues and an amazing cast of characters working on positive peace in Southeast Asia. My career path of working for human rights in Latin America has now taken an international turn; I have relocated to Thailand, to work for Burmese human rights. This is a direct result of my experience in the [Rotary] program at Chulalongkorn University.”

**Monica Alfred** (Bradford, 2002-04) is a faculty member of Action Asia’s applied conflict transformation two-year master’s course, conducted in alliance with Pannasastra University of Cambodia. She also consults and supports several groups that promote peace and conflict resolution in Sri Lanka.

**Bobby Anderson** (Chula, January 2010) is the deputy chief of party for international relief and development. He develops governance, peace-building, conflict resolution, and livelihood grants for local civil society partners; creates and maintains a monitoring and evaluation system; and acts as technical adviser to USAID and local civil society grantees across Indonesia.

**Aung Aung** (Duke/UNC, 2009-11) is a protection associate with the UNHCR in Yangon, Myanmar.

**Stephanie Borsboom** (Duke/UNC, 2005-07) works for the World Bank in Nepal as an operations officer in the social, environment, and water resources unit.

**Jianrong Chen** (Chula, January 2009) is a lecturer and chief of research in diplomacy for the Department of International Relations at Jinan University in Guangdong, China.

**Phumphat Chetianonth** (ICU, 2006-08) is a regional program assistant for rapid response in East and Southeast Asia for the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) in Bangkok.

**Renia Corocoto** (Berkeley, 2003-05) is the director of the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Center of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process in Manila, Philippines.

**Fernando da Costa** (Chula, January 2008) works with Secretariat of State for Youth and Sports in Timor-Leste as an adviser for youth development programs. He serves as the Secretariat’s liaison for the establishment of a National Youth Parliament in Dili, Timor-Leste. He also provides training on conflict prevention with some youth organizations and village chiefs.

**Naganan Ananth Edirisinghe** (Chula, July 2007) is a program manager for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies’ community engagement exercise in Sri Lanka. The program endeavors to sustain post-tsunami communities living in relocated sites constructed by the RC movement.

**Danilo Estrañero** (Duke/UNC, 2008-10) is the chief of the Research and Special Studies Branch of the Philippine Army's TRADOC (Training and Doctrine Command, the "school" of the army) Land Warfare Center. He focuses on studies that improve different aspects of Philippine Army operations and training.

**Sanjana Hattotuwa** (UQ, 2003-05) is a senior researcher at the Centre for Policy Alternatives and head of ICT and Peace-Building at Info-Share, located in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is also a special adviser to the ICT4Peace Foundation based in Geneva, working on crisis information management with the United Nations in New York. He created, managed, and edited Groundviews, an alternative news and opinion source in Sri Lanka. He is also a columnist for the Sunday Leader, a newspaper well known in Sri Lanka for its independent journalism.

**Path Heang** (UQ, 2002-04) is the chief of field offices for UNICEF in Cambodia. He manages programs/portfolios in one of the country's poorest and most remote regions. He also leads the field office team in addressing critical equity issues affecting vulnerable children and women.

**Mohammed Husain** (Chula, July 2009) is program manager for Transparency International in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**Jason Hutson** (ICU, 2007-09) is the founder and CEO for What Sport Creative, an organization that uses sports as a catalyst for youth development and cultural exchange in Tokyo.

**Ji-Hyang Lee** (Berkeley, 2003-05) is a program specialist for the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding

(APCEIU) under the auspices of UNESCO in Seoul. She is developing a peace-education curriculum and advisory committee networks in the region.

**Xiao Mei Liu** (Bradford, 2008-10) is the small-grants manager for Winrock International, working on a new project aimed at strengthening environmental NGOs in China.

**Nani Mahanta** (Berkeley, 2002-04) is an associate professor of political science at Gauhati University in Assam, India. He spearheaded an initiative to open a two-year postgraduate peace and conflict studies program there.

**Altaf Makhawala** (Bradford, 2008-10) is a communications officer in UNICEF's India Country Office in Delhi. He is liaison between UNICEF India and large corporate donors.

**Dennis McMahon** (Chula, July 2007) is the regional director for the Center for Occupational Research and Development in South and East Asia. CORDA aims to develop the capacity of local civil society organizations in post-conflict or fragile countries, and support those organizations to be more creative in their programs and to engage government more constructively on issues of human rights.

**Derran Moss** (Duke/UNC, 2002-04) is a legal adviser for the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste. His work focuses on police reform and capacity building in national police.

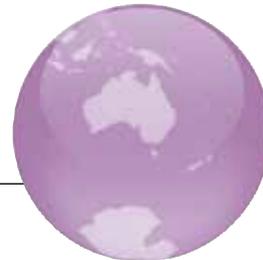
**Golam Mostofa** (ICU, 2008-10) is a program officer for Democracy International on a program to support democratic participation and reform in Bangladesh.



**Angeli Mendoza** (ICU, 2007-09) is the social media public information officer for Asia in the United Nations World Food Programme office in Bangkok. "The Rotary Peace Fellowship taught me not just theoretical knowledge about peace and the world order, but what it truly means to give Service Above Self. Interacting with the Rotarians and being a Rotary Peace Fellow molded me into the person I've become and brought me to where I am today."



# Australia / Oceania



## Yolanda Cowan

(Sciences Po, 2003-05) works for the Australian Department of Health on the development, monitoring, and evaluation of health emergency operations centres and the State Health Emergency Coordination Centre. She is also a part of the RedR Australia emergency register for deployment to international emergencies with United Nations agencies in Boondall, Queensland. “The fellowship has enabled me to start in my chosen profession sooner than I could have without assistance, with a focus on my individual potential to contribute through service to the community and humanity. It has also given me a robust professional network via the alumni within which I count many like-minded friends.”

**Brian Adams** (UQ, 2003-05) is the director of the Multi-Faith Centre at Griffith University in Queensland. He is also a PhD student at University of Queensland in Brisbane.

**Charles Allen** (Chula, June 2010) is a manager (police inspector) for the Greater Dandenong Police Service Area in Victoria.

**Victoria Anderson** (Chula, January 2010) founded Children United, an NGO that partners with grassroots organizations to fight for the elimination of sexual exploitation of children. She is also coauthoring a book, *The Power of One*, which will feature short stories of remarkable and inspiring women across the world who are making a positive impact in their communities.

**Leah Aylward** (UQ, 2005-07) commenced her doctoral studies at the University of Queensland in 2008. She was awarded both a University of Queensland Research Scholarship and a University of Queensland International Research Award to complete her studies. She is currently working on her research project, “Development and Violence: Rethinking the Analytical Framework.” She also works in the School of Political Science and International Studies as a research assistant and a tutor.

**Joy Balazo** (Chula, January 2008) is the executive secretary for the Uniting International Mission of the Uniting Church in Earlwood, New South Wales. She is responsible for the Young Ambassadors for Peace program in eight countries in the Asia/Pacific region.

**Thomas Bamforth** (Chula, June 2010) is a program officer with the Australian Red Cross, working specifically on disaster management in the Pacific region.

**Helga-Bára Bragadottir** (Bradford, 2002-04) works for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Suva, Fiji.

**Matthew Bright** (UQ, 2002-04) is an associate lecturer at the University of Queensland, teaching master’s degree and undergraduate coursework.

**Alan Bull** (Berkeley, 2003-05) works as an environmental scientist. He is a project manager in a contaminated land and groundwater remediation consultancy in Melbourne, Victoria.

**Karla Castellanos** (UQ, 2004-06) is the associate director at GM Urban Design and Architecture in Sydney. The firm concentrates on creating better places to live for locally disadvantaged communities and some more-remote communities where there is a majority of aboriginal inhabitants.

**John Catlin** (Chula, July 2008) is the executive director of the Department of Premier and Cabinet for the Western Australian government. He manages its strategic input on a range of matters with indigenous people.

**David Chick** (Duke/UNC, 2005-07) is counselor governance, overseeing the governance support program of the Australian Government in Port Moseby, Papua New Guinea.

**Christina DeAngelis** (Bradford, 2006-08) works on a peace-building program for women called Creators of Peace in Sydney. The program aims to empower women at the grassroots to become peace builders in their own communities and nations.

**Peter Emberson** (UQ, 2006-08) is the program manager for climate change resettlement for the Pacific Conference of Churches in Fiji. He accompanies PCC's member churches in raising awareness about the impacts of climate change and the need for wide-scale resettlement due to reliable sea level rise predictions.

**Joseph Hongoh** (UQ, 2008-10) is a PhD student at the University of Queensland, pursuing research in conflict management with a focus on East Africa.

**Sheunesu Hove** (UQ, 2006-08) is pursuing a master's degree from the University of Queensland in Brisbane.

**Jonathan Kolieb** (Berkeley, 2004-06) is a PhD student at the University of Melbourne.

**David Kozar** (UQ, 2008-10) is an international development officer at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane. He coordinates AusAID (Australian Agency for International Development) public sector linkage programs and Australian Leadership Award Fellowships for Latin America and Africa.

**Yung Kim Le** (Duke/UNC, 2003-05) is a staff member at AusAID working in the education and scholarships task force department in Canberra.

**Frédérique Lehoux** (Chula, January 2009) heads the disaster risk reduction program for the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission in Suva, Fiji.

**Tania Miletic** (ICU, 2002-04) is a senior researcher and consultant with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies. Based in Phnom Penh, this position involves working as a researcher, consultant, and trainer on conflict transformation and peace-building issues across Asia. She continues to pursue a PhD with ACPACS at the University of Queensland, focusing on understanding Chinese perspectives on conflict.

**Greg Mitchell** (Bradford, 2003-05) is a senior policy officer in the International Security and Disarmament Division of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He specializes in security policy as it relates to peace support operations, counterinsurgency, and counterterrorism.

**Johanna Stratton** (ICU, 2006-08) is a foreign policy officer with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra.



## Samantha Jane Hardy

(Chula, June 2010) is an associate professor in the Conflict and Dispute Resolution Program at James Cook University in Queensland. "I am grateful to Rotarians for the opportunity to undertake this life-changing experience, and I hope to give back much of what I gained by future service in the spirit of Rotarians worldwide."



# Europe



## Stian Jenssen

(Bradford, 2005-07) is the deputy defense adviser at the Norwegian Delegation to NATO in Brussels. “Peace is more than the absence of conflict or war. Peace is something far more. It entails the ability for all to pursue a good life — to have access to basic needs and the ability to exercise fundamental freedoms.”

**Francesca Del Mese** (UQ, 2002-04) is based in Geneva, where she is the legal adviser to the UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria.

**Pedro Pablo Delgado Hinostroza** (UQ, 2004-06) is the counselor of the Peruvian Embassy in Bern, Switzerland.

**Conor Fortune** (USAL, 2002-04) is a news writer for a new journalistic initiative at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London.

**Gohar Gyulumyan** (Duke/UNC, 2006-08) is the task team leader for the World Bank's Tax Project in Armenia and for its Statistical Capacity Building in Turkmenistan.

**Anna Hällerman** (USAL, 2002-04) is a desk officer for the Department for Security Policy at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Stockholm, where she focuses on the European Union's common foreign security and defense policy.

**Ximena Alejandra Valente Hervier** (Bradford, 2002-04) is a consultant on conflict resolution issues in Spain. She works as a professor of public governance in the master's program at the University of Granada and also does consultancy work and training in negotiation and conflict resolution for various companies.

**Rún Ingvarsdóttir** (Berkeley, 2004-06) is the foreign news editor for the Icelandic National Broadcasting Service, RUV.

**Olivera Ivanovic** (Chula, June 2010) is based in Belgrade where she is a volunteer for Soliya, facilitating online dialogue between Christian and Muslim students.

**Jeanette Kroes** (Sciences Po, 2003-05) is a criminal intelligence analyst for INTERPOL at its headquarters in Lyon, France.

**Sallie Lacy** (UQ, 2005-07) works for GIZ, the German government's international development arm, in the climate protection program for developing countries. Her focal areas are in energy, cities, and gender as they relate to climate change. She lives in Frankfurt.

**Vera Lalchevska** (Duke/UNC, 2008-10) is studying for her PhD in development studies at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

**Joanne Levitan** (Chula, June 2010) is a broadcast specialist in the communications department of the UN International Food and Agricultural Organisation in Rome. She is involved in media coverage, specifically television and video, of IFAD's rural poverty eradication projects.

**Palina Matthiasdottir** (Duke/UNC, 2009-11) is a specialist in the multilateral aid department of the Iceland Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She is in charge of issues related to private-sector development, climate change/sustainable development, the Icelandic Junior Professional Officer Programme, and project contracts and communications with NGOs like the Icelandic committees of UNICEF, UN-Women, and the Red Cross.

**Katharine Mote** (ICU, 2009-11) works for International Alert in London, researching issues in Southeast Asia.

**Marieke Nieuwendijk** (Chula, January 2010) is a program officer for Simavi, a Netherlands-based public health organization focused on preventive health care. She will be working on projects in Malawi.

**Emeka Onyekwere** (Bradford, 2007-09) is based in the UK and works as an associate at Austin Consult, Berlin. He serves as a resource adviser on conflict early warning and response mechanisms, security sector governance, conflict analysis, and peace-building.

**Lilian Pedrosa** (Berkeley, 2003-05) works for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS in Geneva. Her focus is countries in Southern Africa.

**Sara Petersson** (Berkeley, 2005-07) is the senior programs support manager for Asia and the Middle East for Marie Stopes International. Marie Stopes is a not-for-profit sexual and reproductive health organization that uses modern business methods to achieve the social goal of preventing unintended pregnancies and unplanned births in 43 countries worldwide.

**Zuzana Petovska** (UQ, 2008-10) is a deployment project officer with the UNHCR Division of International Protection in the Resource Management Unit in Geneva.

She provides support to projects such as environmental change and human mobility, regional dialogues with women and girls, reduction of statelessness, and human displacement.

**Ville-Veikko Pitkänen** (UQ, 2006-08) works for the Civilian Crisis Management Centre Finland. The CMC Finland is responsible for all training and recruitment of the Finnish civilian crisis management experts.

**Arnoldas Pranckevicius** (Sciences Po, 2002-04) is the diplomatic adviser to the president of the European Parliament. He advises the president on Eastern policy (covering Eastern Europe, Russia, Baltic and Nordic areas, Western Balkans, and Turkey), European Union enlargement strategy, and security and defense issues.

**Hanna Shelest** (Chula, January 2010) is a senior researcher at the National Institute for Strategic Studies in Odessa, Ukraine.

**Victoria Tennant** (Chula, June 2010) is a senior policy officer with the Policy and Development and Evaluation Service at UNHCR headquarters in Geneva.

**Tamara Turcan** (UQ, 2007-09) is the director at the American Resource Center, which is part of the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section in Moldova. She is also a consultant/trainer for the National Youth Council of Moldova.

**Brigitta von Messling** (Bradford, 2004-06) is the senior adviser for training and organizational development for the Center for International Peace Operations in Berlin. This organization prepares German personnel to be sent by Germany to work on peace missions of OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), UN, and EU. She develops training and works with other training institutions to develop common standards for civilian personnel in missions.



**Rose Foley**  
(UQ, 2008-10)

is a media officer for Plan International, a children's development organization based in England, with projects around the world. "Peace is a jigsaw made up of millions of small pieces. Rotary Peace Fellowships are a vital part of the puzzle."



# Middle East



## Gert Danielsen

(USAL, 2003-05) is the UNDP team leader for democratic governance, managing portfolios on decentralization, elections, human rights, anticorruption, gender equality, and a project on HIV/AIDS in Sana'a, Yemen. "Peace is about creating opportunities for the full human potential. Positive peace, as opposed to negative peace and the absence of war, is about doing everything in our power to enable all individuals to unleash their potential, despite socioeconomic class, race, ethnic origin, disabilities, sexual orientation, sex, language, or any other category. All human beings are equal, and only when their intrinsic value is recognized through a level playing field — with no fear of violence, intimidation, economic shortfalls,

stigma, illiteracy, injustice, discrimination, and exclusion — can we truly say we have achieved peace. Our work is clear: to create that level playing field and provide those opportunities for all, with no exception."

**Shakeel Ahmed** (Duke/UNC, 2003-05) is a teacher and PhD candidate at King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

**Sharif Azami** (Duke/UNC, 2008-10) is an aid effectiveness adviser to the Canadian Embassy and Ministry of Finance, working on the Survey for Aid Effectiveness in Afghanistan as part of the Paris Declaration.

**Pamela Broussard** (Chula, July 2007) teaches English to government and business leaders in Afghanistan for Silk Road Solutions. The organization develops Afghan leaders through leadership and English training in order to take over jobs that are currently being done by the international community.

**Sevinç Demirci** (Chula, January 2009) works with the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) in Faryab, Afghanistan. She is a business market-

ing officer. Her focus is female self-help groups, agricultural cooperatives, and a youth development center and vocational training program.

**Joseph DeVoir** (UQ, 2009-11) is based in Palestine, working with the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute where he researches international aid trends and impacts.

**Gabriel Dvoskin** (Berkeley, 2005-07) is a project director for Sayara Media and Communication in Kabul, Afghanistan. Sayara Media and Communication is Afghanistan's leading communication agency dedicated to social marketing and public information.

**Maria Saifuddin Effendi** (Bradford, 2006-08) is an assistant professor in and cofounder of the Department of Peace and Conflict Management at National Defense University in Islamabad, Pakistan.

**Ana Gatica Uhlir** (Bradford, 2003-05) is a lecturer at Lahore University of Management Sciences.

**Ryan Gawn** (USAL, 2003-05) set up Strategem International, a strategic political affairs consultancy focusing on engagement in challenging political environments. He is currently an adviser to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Islamabad and was recently selected by the Diplomatic Courier as one of the "Top 99 Under 33 in Foreign Affairs."

**Gregorio Hernandez** (Chula, July 2009) is a lieutenant colonel in the Philippine Navy, currently serving as the chief military personnel officer in the 3rd Philippine Contingent to Golan Heights, as part of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force there.

**Tauqeer Hussain** (ICU, 2008-10) is an assistant professor in the humanities and social science department at Bahria University in Islamabad. He teaches courses in international relations and security studies.

**Dilshad Jaff** (Chula, January 2009) works with an international medical team from the International Committee of the Red Cross to train Iraqi surgeons on treating war victims and trauma in Sulaimaniah.

**Ólöf Magnúsdóttir** (UQ, 2005-07) is a reports officer for UNICEF Pakistan.

**Virender Malik** (Chula, July 2009) is a provincial capacity development adviser for the Civilian Technical Assistance Program and the Ministry of Agriculture in Afghanistan.

**Martha McManus** (Bradford, 2002-04) is working on a Justice for Children program in Iraq with funding from UNICEF. The project focuses on prevention, protection, reintegration, and restorative justice in at-risk areas in Baghdad and Basrah.

**Suhail Latif Memon** (Chula, January 2010) is the executive producer for the Radio Media Project. This humanitarian-based reporting project, run by the Center for Research and Security Studies and Internews Pakistan, develops radio stories that focus on victims affected by the flood in Sindh Province. He also continues to work as a freelance journalist with several international news organizations.

**Aref Noorzai** (Chula, January 2009) is the director of the Institute for Leadership Development in Heart, Afghanistan.

**Arik Gutler Ofir** (UQ, 2004-06) established the Theater Center for Social Justice in Galilee, which focuses on two projects: a workshop to train more practitioners, and a theater group to reach the public. Arik teaches political science and theater at a local high school. He is part of a team that facilitates workshops on humanism and holocaust for Arab and Jewish students from different high schools.

**Rabia Raja** (Chula, January 2011) is the founder and executive director of the Sunshine Consulting Welfare Organization in Lahore, Pakistan. The organization focuses on education and counseling to underprivileged children in rural areas of Pakistan.

**Christine Wright** (Chula, July 2007) is a consultant with the American Refugee Committee, Pakistan.



## **Jonathan Eischen**

(Bradford, 2005-07)

is a consultant to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in Amman, Jordan. He works with the agroindustry support unit promoting rural agroindustries as a means to re-establish household incomes and support vulnerable communities in Lebanon and Iraq. "Thank you to Rotary for believing in making a commitment to the process of building peace in the world and trusting us peace fellows as individuals and as a group to make a difference."



# North America



## Perth Rosen

(UQ, 2005-07) is a technical training adviser with the Latin American division of Freedom from Hunger in Davis, California, which specializes in developing innovative “added-value” capacity-building products for microfinance institutions. “Thank you for your partnership, commitment, and trust as together we sow the seeds of peace and justice. We come together in community, or perhaps we never meet, but we are united every day through our mutually supportive peace-building efforts. I may swat flies in the field while you swat computer keys, but together we work toward our common goal. Thank you for holding the vision for a more peaceful world and your steadfast dedication to achieve it. I am honored to work together.”

**Michelle Arevalo-Carpenter** (Berkeley, 2008-10) is the overseas operations director for Asylum Access in San Francisco.

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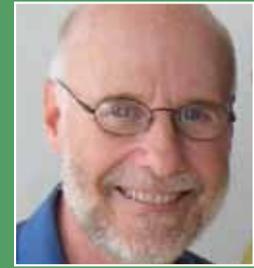
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# South and Central America and the Caribbean



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Duke University/University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,  
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