



Hope in a Time of Crisis



A Solutions-Driven Conference

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Concordia University
Saint Paul, Minnesota
September 2 and 3, 2008

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Plenary Session	10:00 – 11:15	<p>ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT – I</p> <p><u>Topic/Focus:</u> Remaking Our Food System</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Keynote: Jim Harkness – President, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy Ron Bowen – President, Prairie Restorations, Inc. – and Aml Voeltz – Do It Green! Minnesota Susan Hubbard – CEO, Eureka Recycling Starhawk – Author & Eco-Activist, Earth-Based Spirituality</p>	<p>Local Greening No Such Thing As Waste Urban Permaculture: From the Yard to the Globe</p>
Breakout Sessions	11:30 – 12:30	<p><i>In the Buelow Auditorium. Registrants are invited to observe.</i></p>	
Press Conference	12:30		
Lunch	12:30 – 1:00	<p>Served in the Exhibit Hall (BEC 200) Lunch served ONLY to those with prepaid reservations. (Sorry!)</p>	
Bonus Sessions	12:45 – 1:50	<p>See Bonus Sessions on page xx.</p>	
Plenary Session	2:00 – 3:15	<p>ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT – II</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Keynote: Terry Gips – President, Alliance for Sustainability; President, Sustainability Associates Matthew Commers – Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota School of Public Health; Public Policy Program Manager, Hennepin County Medical Center Bruce Gagnon – Co-Founder, Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space Lisa Ledwidge – Outreach Director, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research</p>	<p>Sustainability: The New Business Model Climate Change & Human Health Weapons in Space: Environmental Consequences and Solutions Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy</p>
Breakout Sessions	3:30 – 4:30	<p>See Bonus Sessions on page xx.</p>	
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Plenary Session	7:00 – 9:00	<p>GLOBAL PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE – I</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Keynote: Antonia Juhasz – Policy Analyst, Institute for Policy Studies; Fellow, Oil Change International Brian Becker – National Coordinator, Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (A.N.S.W.E.R.) Leslie Cagan – National Coordinator, United for Peace and Justice Sara Flounders – National Coordinator, U.S. Troops Out Now, International Action Center</p>	<p>Iraq, Oil, and the Politics of Empire Iran: U.S. Imperial Politics Globalization and War on Terrorism Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</p>
RECEPTION	9:00		

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

<p>Plenary Session</p>	<p>10:00 – 11:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GLOBAL PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE – II</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Keynote: Kathy Kelly – Co-Coordinator, Voices for Creative Nonviolence Medea Benjamin – Co-Founder, CODEPINK; Co-Founder, Global Exchange Mel Duncan – Executive Director, Nonviolent Peaceforce Sami Rasouli – Muslim Peacemaker Teams</p>	<p><u>Topic/Focus:</u> Nonviolence in a Time of Crisis Resistance and Grassroots Organizing Nonviolent Peacekeeping in a War Zone Peacemaking in the Midst of Violence</p>
<p>Breakout Sessions</p>	<p>11:30 – 12:30</p>		
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<p>Plenary Session</p>	<p>2:00 – 3:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS – I</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Keynote: Coleen Rowley – Retired FBI Special Agent / Chief Division Counsel; TIME's 2002 "Person of the Year"; Peace Activist Doug Johnson – Executive Director, Center for the Victims of Torture Ray McGovern – Retired CIA Officer, Co-Founder, Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity Ann Wright – Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.); Retired Diplomat, U.S. State Department; Peace Advocate</p>	<p><u>Topic/Focus:</u> Restoring Ethical Decision-Making in Government Torture Doesn't Work Fixing the Foreign-Intelligence-Gathering Apparatus War and Military Issues</p>
<p>Breakout Sessions</p>	<p>3:30 – 4:30</p>		
<p>Bonus Sessions</p>	<p>4:40 – 5:45</p>	<p>See Bonus Sessions on page xx.</p>	
<p>Plenary Session</p>	<p>7:00 – 8:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS – II</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Keynote: Anne Hastings – Director, Fonkoze Micro-Finance Program, Haiti Susan Cornell Wilkes – President, Adventures in Giving – and Jim Klobuchar – Journalist, Author, Travel Guide Bharat Parekh – U.N. Advocate, United Nations Association – Minnesota Kevin Winge – Executive Director, Open Arms of Minnesota</p>	<p><u>Topic/Focus:</u> Eradicating Global Poverty: Is It Possible? How to Make a Difference – Worldwide Perspective U.N. MDGs – Their Significance and Possibilities HIV-AIDS & Interconnected Global Issues</p>
<p>Breakout Sessions</p>	<p>8:30 – 9:30</p>		

Roster of Speakers

Speakers are listed in alphabetical order; more information on each is available at www.peaceisland.us. (This website will be online at least through the end of September 2008 and information may also be archived at www.mapm.org in subsequent months.)

- **BRIAN BECKER:** Brian is National Coordinator, Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (A.N.S.W.E.R.).
- **MEDEA BENJAMIN:** Medea is Founding Director of Global Exchange www.globalexchange.org and also co-founder of CODEPINK: Women for Peace www.codepink4peace.org. Medea is a leading activist in the peace movement.
- **RON BOWEN:** Ron founded Prairie Restorations, Inc. (PRI) in 1977. PRI is dedicated to the production and use of native plants and plant communities. www.prairieresto.com
- **LESLIE CAGAN:** Leslie is the National Coordinator of United for Peace and Justice, an anti-war coalition with more than 1,400 member groups. www.unitedforpeace.org
- **MATTHEW COMMERS:** Dr. Commers is well known and respected for his work in climate change and human health.
- **SUSAN CORNELL WILKES:** Susan manages and advises family foundations and has been for many years a respected voice in international development and nonprofit work. She is noted for innovative approaches to philanthropy and effective international giving. www.adventuresingiving.com
- **MEL DUNCAN:** Mel is Executive Director of Nonviolent Peaceforce, a nonpartisan, unarmed, international peacekeeping force composed of trained civilians from around the world. www.nvpf.org
- **SARA FLOUNDERS:** Sara represents the Troops Out Now Coalition. She is Co-Director of the International Action Center, and has worked for 40 years in many movements against racism, war, political repression, and attacks on immigrants.
- **BRUCE GAGNON:** Bruce serves as Secretary/Coordinator of Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space (GN). He has been working on space issues for the past 20 years, and helped found GN in 1992. www.space4peace.org
- **TERRY GIPS:** Terry is a widely published ecologist, agricultural economist, sustainability business consultant, independent Natural Step Framework instructor, speaker and author with more than 30 years experience in global environmental leadership. www.afs.nonprofitoffice.com
- **JIM HARKNESS:** Jim is the President of Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP). Previously he served as Executive Director of World Wildlife Fund in China from 1999 to 2005, where he expanded the organization's profile from a strict focus on conservation of biodiversity to also addressing the consequences of China's economic growth on a broader sustainable development agenda. www.iatp.org
- **ANNE HASTINGS:** Dr. Hastings has been Executive Director of Fonkoze, Haiti's largest microfinance institution, since May 1996. Under her leadership, Fonkoze has grown from two volunteer employees to more than 575 full-time employees and now has more than 30 branches throughout rural Haiti with more than 120,000 clients, more than 45,000 of whom have microcredit loans. www.fonkoze.org
- **SUSAN HUBBARD:** Susan is CEO and Co-President of Eureka Recycling and has 15 years of hands-on experience planning, developing and financing recycling programs and infrastructure. She has served as President of the National Recycling Coalition and is a respected voice on recycling policy nationwide. www.eurekarecycling.org
- **DOUGLAS A. JOHNSON:** Doug is Executive Director of The Center for Victims of Torture, an internationally known and highly respected advocate for human rights since the 1970s. www.cvt.org
- **ANTONIA JUHASZ:** Antonia is a Fellow at Oil Change International and Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Policy Studies. She has an extensive profile; see www.peaceisland.us/speakers/bio/juhasz/juhasz.html
- **KATHY KELLY:** Kathy will arrive at the conference after a nearly 2-month walk for peace from Chicago to the Twin Cities. Kathy is Coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence. She helped initiate Voices in the Wilderness, a campaign to end the UN/US sanctions against Iraq in 1996. www.vcnv.org

- **JIM KLOBUCHAR:** Jim is very well known to Twin Citians as a newspaper columnist, writer, and leader of outdoors adventures all over the world. He has a special fondness for and acquaintance with micro-finance, and co-authored with his spouse, Susan Cornell Wilkes, *Miracles of Barefoot Capitalism*, about micro-finance success in many parts of the world. www.jimklobuchar.com
- **LISA LEDWIDGE:** Lisa serves as Outreach Director of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research. She has been working on nuclear-related energy, environmental and security issues for 12 years. www.ieer.org
- **RAY MCGOVERN:** Ray was a federal employee under seven U.S. presidents across 27 years, presenting the morning intelligence briefings at the White House for many of those years. He has become an outspoken commentator on intelligence-related issues since the late 1990s. He is founder of Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Common Sense.
- **BHARAT PAREKH:** Dr. Parekh, a native of India, earned his PhD in physics and has lived in the Twin Cities since 1987. Dr. Parekh's special area of interest is in implementation of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations. He is an educator and a consultant for U.S. and Indian companies and NGOs. His work has involved technology transfer and trade in the environmental and rural development sectors, the development of biodiesel fuels, modeling of water resource systems.
- **SAMI RASOULI:** Sami Rasouli is very well known to Twin Citians as an Iraqi-American who for many years operated a popular restaurant in Minneapolis, Minn., and in 2003 went back to Iraq, his life work ultimately becoming peace and reconciliation among Iraqis and Americans through his Muslim Peacemakers Team.
- **COLEEN ROWLEY:** Coleen was a career FBI agent and was awarded TIME Magazine's 2002 "Person of the Year" award for her role as a whistle-blower about problems faced by the FBI and the intelligence community at the time of 9-11. She is very well known as an outspoken advocate about ethics and civil liberties.
- **STARHAWK:** Starhawk is one of the most respected voices in modern earth-based spirituality. She is also well-known as a global justice activist and organizer, whose work and writings have inspired many to action. www.starhawk.org
- **AMI VOELTZ:** Ami is Executive Director of Do It Green! She has worked in the environmental field for more than 10 years. www.doitgreen.org
- **KEVIN WINGE:** Kevin is the Executive Director of Open Arms of Minnesota and has more than 20 years' experience in the nonprofit sector. He was awarded a Bush Foundation Leader Fellowship to obtain a master's degree in public administration from Harvard Kennedy School, and to establish programs for people living with HIV/AIDS in South Africa. www.openarmsmn.org
- **ANN WRIGHT:** Mary Ann Wright has been a career military woman, a State Department diplomat, and for the past few years an influential spokesperson in the anti-war movement. She has a highly distinguished record. She is co-author with Susan Dixon of *Dissent: Voice of Conscience*, the stories of those in the George W. Bush administration and other governments who have had the courage to speak out. *Dissent* was published in January 2008 by Koa Books.

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