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Dear PJSA members, allies and affiliates,

My name is Maddie Gordon and I am currently a freshman completing a degree in Social Justice Studies at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio! I work with Dr. Michael Loadenthal as a student intern for PJSA, and I have recently began a new project in conjunction with Swarthmore College's Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies Program.

I started working this semester with Lee Smithey of Swarthmore, and following their example, PJSA has created a blog to provide resources for current and prospective Peace Studies majors to use for (career) inspiration or guidance. The goal is to provide a resource for teachers, counselors, student, parents, and academic advisors to help answer the question: What can a degree in the peace studies field do for you!

We are hoping that our dynamic community can help make this an engaging site, and to that end, we are asking PJSA members who hold a related degree to consider writing a blog entry which addresses some or all of the following questions:

- What are you currently doing/where are you currently working?
- How did your peace studies degree help get you to where you are today?
- What advice would you offer to prospective peace studies majors?
- What do you wish you had known during or after college about finding a job in this field?

If you are willing to contribute, we kindly ask you to submit a post so that we can start to develop the blog as a helpful resource for all peace studies majors! Posts can be submitted to me through email (gordonm5@miamioh.edu). Please also include a head shot, or other pictures that are relevant to your work so that could be included in the post. We are also asking educators to contact alumni from your programs and ask them to participate as well as the more stories we can receive the better!

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you consider posting, or at least passing on to others that you know. If you have any questions you can contact me at the address below. I am also including links to Swarthmore's blog (<http://blogs.swarthmore.edu/pcsstudents/>) and the newly created PJSA blog (<https://pjsablog.wordpress.com/author/pjsablog/>)!

Sincerely,

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