

PJSA Conference 2022
University of Mount Union



October 14-16, 2022
Peace & Justice Studies Association

Dear Peace & Justice Studies Association Conference Attendees,

Welcome to the University of Mount Union and beautiful Alliance, Ohio. On behalf of the PJSA Board and the 2022 Conference Committee, we're delighted to be gathering in person for our annual conference. And welcome members of the Mount Union community; we're so grateful to those who have agreed to present as well as to attend the conference.

This year Mount Union celebrates the 10th year of its Peacebuilding & Social Justice Program. At Mount Union, our work in peace studies is grounded in the humanities but includes other disciplinary perspectives, offering students the opportunity to pursue their vocational and career interests accordingly. The PSJ Program hosts the annual Peace Studies Forum, sponsors the student Peace Building Society, and recently launched a 3+2 Master of Arts in Social Justice in partnership with the Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO). We are thrilled to offer this exciting new opportunity to students who find their vocation in the realm of peacebuilding and social justice work and advocacy.

Over the next few days, "The Vocation of the Peacemaker" will be addressed through a range of creative, scholarly, and activist lenses, in film and through a range of keynote and plenary sessions including:

- Friday, October 14, 3:30 pm, Film Screening, KHIC 013 – BOYCOTT: How Anti-Boycott Laws are Quashing Dissent across the US
- Friday, October 14, 7:00 pm, Brush Theatre – Conference Welcome and Opening Keynote/Wolf Lecture, "Writing Poetry and Asking Questions: The Journey of an African American Writer," featuring E. Ethelbert Miller, the author of two memoirs and several books of poetry.
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm, North Reading Room – Membership Meeting. PJSA members are invited to get their lunch and join us to discuss Association matters and learn about ongoing initiatives.
- Saturday, October 15, 6:30 pm, Kresge Dining Commons – Awards Banquet and Plenary: "Queering Our Vocations as Peacemakers," featuring Geoffrey Bateman.
- Sunday, October 16, 1:00 pm, Kresge Dining Commons – Closing Plenary Panel: "Peace is Everybody's Business," featuring Bryson Davis, Kimberly Stanley, and Erica Glover. Panelists will share their stories of vocation as peacemakers, sending us back into the world with inspiration to continue our work.

With an additional 25 panels, 5 roundtables, and 4 workshops distributed across 9 concurrent sessions, we anticipate stimulating presentations, questions, answers and more over the next two and a half days!

We invite you to explore the 120+ acre Huston-Brumbaugh Nature Center during the Saturday afternoon wellness break – shuttle transportation is provided at no cost! The Nature Center is accessible to all and includes walking trails, a ½ mile boardwalk through the woods with a pond observation deck, a barnyard with farm animals, Huston cabin, and herb garden. You may also browse the information and book sale tables in the Giese Center, which include materials donated by the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (they've gone digital – your donations will support PJSA's ongoing work). Or perhaps enjoy coffee, tea, or a snack from the KHIC Stand Café and conversation with friends old and new.

Welcome to Alliance. Welcome to Mount Union. Welcome to PJSA. We're delighted to see you!

Michelle Collins-Sibley, Professor of English, Director of Africana Studies
Niki Johnson, Professor of Religious Studies, Director of Peacebuilding & Social Justice

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Important Details

*All sessions are held in either Kolenbrander-Harter Information Center (KHIC) 202, 203, 012, 013, or the North Reading Room.
Plenaries and keynotes occur elsewhere as indicated.*

Wi-Fi Information

Need to get online? Here's how:

- Login to Mount Union Guest
- No password required
- Suitable for email and browsing but streaming is limited (e.g., Netflix, Zoom)

Program Information

Whats in the program?

- Schedule (full details found on the website)
- Featured Speakers
- Awardees
- Alliance Food Guide
- Around Alliance Guide



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Daily Schedule

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Thursday, October 13th

10:00am - 4:00pm

- **PJSA Board Meeting**
- **Registration and King Hall Check-in** [Giese Center for the Performing Arts lobby]
- **Pre-Conference Self-Guided Activities** [KSU Memorial, Haines House, Hale Farm, Football Hall of Fame, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame]

4:00pm-5:00pm PJSA Board Meet and Greet

5:00pm-7:00pm PJSA Board Dinner

7:00pm-9:00pm PJSA Board Reception [Haines House]

Friday, October 14th

9:00am-5:00pm Registration & King Hall Check-in

9:00am-10:15am Shuttles from conference hotel to campus

10:00am-12:00pm: Concurrent Session #1

- **Panel 1A** [available in-person and via Zoom]: **Issues in Peace Education** (Chair: Laura Finley) -**KHIC 202**
 - Teachers' Use of Restorative Justice to Develop Staff Community in a K-8 School Environment (Michelle Bemiller, Walsh University)
 - Informal/Nonformal Peace Education and the Rationale/Design for a Baccalaureate High School Peace Education Program (Gregory Foisie, independent scholar)
 - Bringing a Peace and Justice Lens to Domestic Violence Education (Laura Finley, Barry University)

Friday, October 14th [Cont.]

- **Panel 1B: Biographies of the Peacemakers Part 1** (Chair: Nathan Funk) – **KHIC 203**
 - John Dewey's Reconstructive Experience as Means to Liberation, (Chitranjan Greer-Travis University of Toledo)
 - A Transformative Approach to International Relations: Abdul Aziz Said's Contributions to Peace Studies (Nathan Funk, University of Waterloo)
 - Quiet Tension: A Barbara Deming Podcast (Donna Eyestone, independent scholar)
 - Peacemaking through Storytelling: What I Learned from Suzanne Collins, Author of The Hunger Games (Nicole Plyler Fisk, University of South Carolina)

- **Roundtable 1A: Teaching and Learning Nonviolence through Being Nonviolent** (Chair: Rochelle Arms) – **KHIC 012**
 - Rochelle Arms Almengor, Berea College
 - Cora Allison, Berea College
 - Madison Trusty, Berea College
 - Ei Zin Aung, Berea College
 - Elvira Barragan-Lopez, Berea College
 - Elizabeth Clay-Darden, Berea College
 - Ana Ursaru, Berea College

- **Roundtable 1B: Peace and Justice Journeys: Experiential Pilgrimages for Students** – **KHIC 013**
 - Dean Johnson, West Chester University

- **Workshop 1: Peacebuilding: What's Love Got to Do with It - North Reading Room** with Amanda Byron Singer, Portland State University

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch (*see Eating Guide*)

1:30pm-3:00pm: Concurrent Session #2

- **Panel 2A** [available in-person and via Zoom]: **Biographies of the Peacemakers Part 2** (Chair: Dean Johnson) – **KHIC 202**
 - Julia Grace Wales and the Vocation of Peace (Deborah Buffton, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse)
 - Thich Nhat Hanh: Peace Is Every Step (Jessica Hitch, independent scholar)
 - Menno Simons' Call to Peacemaking: Situating Him In His Frisian Context (Stephen W. Minnema, independent scholar)
 - The Interfaith Journey of a Peacemaker (Swasti Bhattacharyya, Harvard Divinity School, Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College)

Friday, October 14th [Cont.]

- **Panel 2B: Approaches to Conflict & Theory Part 1** (Chair: Jennie Barron) - **KHIC 203**
 - What Are They Telling Us? (Wim Laven, Cuyahoga Community College)
 - Effects of Receiving Empathy on Social Conflict: A Theoretical Synthesis and Review of the Literature, (Joel Devonshire, University of Notre Dame)
 - Problem Setting Trauma and Emotions in Conflict Transformation Processes: Trauma, Identity, and Victimhood (Jeremy A. Rinker, University of North Carolina-Greensboro)
 - Courageous Dialogues: Moving Beyond the Polarization (Jennie Barron, Selkirk College)

- **Roundtable 2A: Learning Towards Justice: Pedagogies Challenging Intersectional Injustice** (Chair: Joy Meeker) - **KHIC 012**
 - Joy Meeker, Saybrook University
 - PC Walker, Saybrook University [joining via Zoom]
 - Krystalynn Westbrook, Saybrook University
 - Danelle Woodman, Saybrook University

- **Roundtable 2B: Networking and Social Change: Platforms for Advocacy and Peacebuilding**, (Chair: Emily Welty) - **KHIC 013**
 - Nathan Funk, University of Waterloo
 - Emily Welty, Pace University
 - Stephen Zunes, University of San Francisco [joining via Zoom]

- **Workshop 2: Picturing Justice: Using Photovoice To Advance Justice - North Reading Room**
 - AJ Segneri, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

3:30pm-5:00pm: Concurrent Session #3

- **Panel 3A** [available in-person and via Zoom]: **Approaches to Conflict & Theory Part 2**, (Chair: Dean Johnson) - **KHIC 202**
 - Egg in a Box; Understanding the Layers and Sides of a Conflict, (Michael Chadukiewicz, Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health)
 - An Intersubjective, Dialogical Conception of Moral Reasoning as the Rational Basis of Justice (Dale Snauwaert, University of Toledo)
 - A Peace Modeling Program, (Laurent M Chaudron, Theorik Lab) [joining via Zoom]

Friday, October 14th [Cont.]

3:30pm-5:00pm: Concurrent Session #3

- **Panel 3B: Civil Resistance, Protective Accompaniment, and Social Change**, (Chair: Sara Koopman) - KHIC 203
 - Negotiations of Power Between Nonviolent Protesters and the Nation-State: The Idiosyncratic Case of Jordan's 2018 Tax Law Demonstrations (Jamil Wekhian, Kent State University)
 - Market women: Agency and peacebuilding in Northern Nigeria, (Gloria Ogundare, Kent State University)
 - Mapping Memories, Opening Dialogue: Challenges to Complicating Kent State (Sara Koopman, Kent State University)

- **Roundtable 3: Educating for Peace While Confronting Structured Injustice, the Decolonial Imperative, and Climate Disruption** - KHIC 012
 - Sean Duffy, Quinnipiac University
 - Margaret A. Goralski, Quinnipiac University
 - Erin Sabato, Quinnipiac University
 - JT Torres, Quinnipiac University

- **Workshop 3: Skillful Communication for a "Calling In" Culture** - North Reading Room with Janet C. Gerson, International Institute on Peace Education

- **Film Screening: "BOYCOTT: How anti-boycott laws are quashing dissent across the US"** - KHIC 013
 - Daniel Nerenberg, Just Vision & Berea College

5:00pm-6:30pm Dinner on your own (*see Eating Guide*)

7:00pm-8:30pm

- **Conference Welcome & Opening Keynote/Wolf Lecture** - Brush Theatre
 - "Writing Poetry and Asking Questions: The Journey of an African American writer," featuring E. Ethelbert Miller

8:30pm Dessert Reception, book signing

8:30pm-9:30pm Shuttles from campus to conference hotel

Saturday, October 15th

8:00am-9:00am Shuttles from conference hotel to campus

9:00am-10:30am: Concurrent Session #4

- **Panel 4A** [available in-person and via Zoom]: **Inter-cultural, Inter-Faith, and Diasporic Realities**, (Chair: Laura Finley) - **KHIC 202**
 - Exploring the Experiences of the Jewban Diaspora (Laura Finley, Barry University)
 - What Can Refugees Teach Us about Collaboration and Conflict Resolution? A Case Study on Resettled Communities of Akron, Ohio (Anuj Gurung, Manchester University)
 - Partnering with God: Vocation and Peace-Building, (Xavier L. Johnson, Earlham School of Religion)
 - Freedom Church of the Poor: Nurturing the Call of Peacemakers, (Colleen Wessel-McCoy, Earlham School of Religion)

- **Panel 4B: Peace Scholars as Models for Peacebuilding on College Campuses**, (Chair: Elizabeth Buttil) - **KHIC 203**
 - Elizabeth Buttil, Ashland Center for Nonviolence
 - Jocelyn Brown, Ashland Center for Nonviolence
 - Carolina Amparo, Ashland Center for Nonviolence
 - Konrad Hodgman, Ashland Center for Nonviolence
 - Tyler Easton, Ashland Center for Nonviolence

- **Panel 4C: Peacemakers' Call to Address Historical Injustices: From Enslavement to Incarceration**, (Chair: Roy Tamashiro) - **KHIC 012**
 - Roy Tamashiro, Webster University
 - Jane Joo Hyeon Lee, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
 - Elizabeth Lawrence, Augustana College
 - Kathleen Cogan, independent scholar

- **Roundtable 4: A Writing Reflection on the Self: What Do We See in a Tree?** - **KHIC 013**
 - Vanessa Meng, California Institute of Integral Studies

- **Workshop 4: For Love of the World: Can We Together Create Hannah Arendt's New Thing in an Old World?** - **North Reading Room**
 - Sheryl Holt, University of Mount Union
 - Suzanne L. Holt, Kent State University

Saturday, October 15th [Cont.]

11:00am–12:30pm: Concurrent Session #5

- **Panel 5A** [available in-person and via Zoom]: **On the Colonial, Postcolonial, and Decolonial**, (Chair: Michelle Collins-Sibley) – **KHIC 202**
 - The Transformation of Power in Cross-Communal Anti-Colonial Struggles: Relational potentiality of non-Indigenous involvement in Palestine and Sápmi (Florian CarlFederica Stagni, Centre on Social Movement Studies)
 - Decolonizing the Classroom: Lessons for Peace Educators (Pushpa Iyer, Center for Conflict Studies)
 - How Modern Consumer Capitalism Became a New Type of Colonialism in the Conflict Zones: Palestinian Crony Capitalism as a Case Study (Eleyan Sawafta, University of North Carolina-Greensboro)
 - ‘Armageddon It Been In Effect’: Public Enemy, Ursula Le Guin & N.K. Jemisin In Conversation (Michelle Collins-Sibley, University of Mount Union)

- **Panel 5B: Reflections on Identity and Racial justice**, (Chair: Stellan Vinthagen) – **KHIC 203**
 - How do young black men respond to anti-Black racism? (Cody Jackson, Kennesaw State University)
 - Personal Transformation as Resistance to Internalized Domination (Stellan Vinthagen, University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
 - Community Mediators, Compassion Fatigue, Burnout, and Self-care (Caroline Harmon-Darrow, University of Maryland)

- **Panel 5C: Climate Crisis and Environmental Social Movements**, (Chair: Stellan Vinthagen) – **KHIC 012**
 - Why Not to Blow Up A Pipeline: Perspectives on Environmental (Non)Violence (Garrett FitzGerald, Pace University)
 - Solidarity Across Movements for Democracy, Human Rights, Peace, and Climate Justice (Joel Federman, Saybrook University)
 - Constructing a Climate Security Industrial Complex (William French, Loyola University of Chicago)

- **Panel 5D: Women’s Rights Under Authoritarian Regimes: Turkey**, (Chair: Leanne Trapedo Sims) – **KHIC 013**
 - Hafza Girdap, Stony Brook University/Advocates of Silenced Turkey
 - Cemre Ulker, Journalists and Writers Foundation
 - Vonya Womack, Refugees Unknown Stories Untold

Saturday, October 15th [Cont.]

- **Roundtable 5: The Professor as Peacemaker: The Future of the Professoriate in the Neoliberal University – North Reading Room**

- Jeremy A. Rinker, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

- **12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch & Membership meeting – North Reading Room**

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- **2:00-4:00pm Shuttles to the John T. Huston – Dr. John D. Brumbaugh Nature Center**

- **4:00pm-5:30pm: Concurrent Session #6**

- **Panel 6A [available in-person and via Zoom]: Exploring Gender, Sex, and Sexuality, (Chair: Sheherazade Jafari) – KHIC 202**

- Policing Queerness: The Danger of New Anti-Trans Legislation and Abolitionist Interventions (Camille Tinnin, Kent State University)
- A Gender-Inclusive Approach to Religion and Peacebuilding (Sheherazade Jafari, practitioner-independent scholar)
- Promoting Peace in the realm of the Transgender Community and Healthcare (Connor McCauley and Gracyn Sage, University of Mount Union)
- LGBTQIA+ Nonprofits and the Work of Allyship (Jamie Capuzza and Adelina Cooper, University of Mount Union)

- **Panel 6B: “Justice is What Love Looks Like in Public”: Responding to the Call of the Other as Peace Activism, (Chair: Dale Snauwaert) – KHIC 203**

- Dale Snauwaert, University of Toledo
- Janet Gerson, International Institute on Peace Education
- Jeff Warnke, Walsh University

- **Panel 6C: Peace Building and Humanizing Critical Issues, (Chair: Milena Wahl) – KHIC 012**

- Milena Wahl, Wilmington College
- Martina Starkey, University of Mount Union
- Ursula Knudsen-Latta, Friends Committee on National Legislation

Saturday, October 15th [Cont.]

- **Roundtable 6: What is the Role of Resistance for Peace and Conflict Studies? – KHIC 013**

- Stellan Vinthagen, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
 - Matt Meyer, International Peace Research Association [joining via Zoom]
 - Polly Walker, Juniata College [joining via Zoom]
 - Majken Jul Sørensen, Østfold University College
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- **Workshop 6: Rationale for Establishing a Baccalaureate High School Peace Education Program – North Reading Room**

- Greg Foisie, independent scholar

6:00pm–8:00pm

- **Awards Banquet & Plenary**

- “Queering Our Vocations as Peacemakers,” featuring Geoffrey Bateman – Kresge Dining Commons

8:00pm–9:00pm

Shuttles from campus to conference hotel

Sunday, October 16th

8:00pm–9:00am

Shuttles from conference hotel to campus

9:00pm–10:30pm: Concurrent Session #7

- **Panel 7A [available in-person and via Zoom]: Emergent Issues in Today’s Social Movements, (Chair: Lee A. Smithey) – KHIC 202**

- Engaged Scholarship and the Development of the Delaware County (PA) Homicide Database (Lee A. Smithey, Swarthmore College)
- Economic Justice as a Human Right: What Might Researchers and Practitioners of Nonviolent Action Learn from the Political Philosophy of Anarchism (Majken Jul Sørensen, Østfold University College)
- Interfaith Leadership: A Crucial Peace Vocation in the 21st Century (George F. Pickens, Messiah University)
- We Protect Us: Digital antifascism, Persistent Engagement, and dual use knowledge (Michael Loadenthal, University of Cincinnati)

Sunday, October 16th [Cont.]

- **Panel 7B: Humanities Perspectives in Peace Education: Re-Engaging the Heart of Peace Studies**, (Chair: Niki Johnson) – KHIC 203

- Niki Johnson, University of Mount Union
 - Michelle Collins-Sibley, University of Mount Union
 - Grant Cook, University of Mount Union
 - Terry Davis, University of Mount Union
 - Scott Gravlee, University of Mount Union
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- **Panel 7C: Political Economy of Palestine: Critical, Interdisciplinary, Decolonial Perspectives**, (Chair: Timothy Seidel) – KHIC 012

- Timothy Seidel, Eastern Mennonite University
 - Ibrahim Shikaki, Trinity College
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- **Roundtable 7: Beyond Ourselves: Making Peace with the Future** – KHIC 013

- Randall Amster, Georgetown University

11:00am–12:30pm: Concurrent Session #8

- **Panel 8A [ZOOM ONLY]: Intervening, Transforming, Studying and Teaching War, Peace and Violent Conflict**, (Chair: Zerihune Kinat) – KHIC 202

- Deconstructing Epistemic Violence: An African Perspective on the Discussions of the Local vs International Peacebuilding Approaches (Zerihune Kinate, University of Waterloo) [joining via Zoom]
 - “Russia, Ukraine, and the International Peace Community” (Stephen Zunes, University of San Francisco) [joining via Zoom]
 - Between Indoctrination and False Neutrality: Pedagogy Under Occupation (Irfan Khawaja, independent scholar) [joining via Zoom]
 - How Some Oral Traditions Teach for Peace (Fatima Ahmed, Lakehead University) [joining via Zoom]
 - *Note: This panel will be made up of all remote presenters. A Zoom link will be posted here closer to the event.*
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- **Panel 8B: The Efficacy of Advocacy: Right Sizing Your Volume in Order to be Heard in a Loud World**, (Chair: Mark J. Carroll) – KHIC 203

- Mark J. Carroll, University of Mount Union
- Jennifer Sensor, University of Mount Union
- Amanda Waltz, University of Mount Union

Sunday, October 16th [Cont.]

- **Roundtable 8A: Deconstructing “Neutrality” Through the Lenses of Gender, Anti-Racism, and Cultural Humility – KHIC 012**
 - Sheherazade Jafari, practitioner-independent scholar
 - Swasti Bhattacharyya, Harvard Divinity School, Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College
 - Pushpa Iyer, Center for Conflict Studies

- **Roundtable 8B: When Academics and Non-Profits Collaborate – Innovative Peacebuilding Beyond the Classroom – KHIC 013**
 - Susan Cushman, Nassau Community College/State University of New York
 - Phill Gittins, World Beyond War [*joining via Zoom*]
 - Ash Carter, Adelphi University [*joining via Zoom*]

1:00pm

Lunch & Closing Plenary: “Peace is Everybody’s Business,” featuring Bryson Davis, Kimberly Stanley & Erica Glover – **Kresge Dining Commons**

- The cost of lunch is included in all attendees’ registration.

2:30pm-3:30pm

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Featured Speakers



Ethelbert Miller

Ethelbert Miller is a writer and literary activist. He is the author of two memoirs and several books of poetry including *The Collected Poems of E. Ethelbert Miller*, a comprehensive collection that represents over 40 years of his work. Miller's poetry has been translated into nearly a dozen languages. For 17 years he served as the editor of *Poet Lore*, the oldest poetry magazine published in the United States. Miller is a two-time Fulbright Senior Specialist Program Fellow to Israel. He holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from Emory and Henry College and has taught at several universities.

Miller is host of the weekly WPFW morning radio show *On the Margin with E. Ethelbert Miller* and host and producer of *The Scholars on UDC-TV* which received a 2020 Telly Award. Miller was inducted into the 2015 Washington DC Hall of Fame and awarded the 2016 AWP George Garrett Award for Outstanding Community Service in Literature and the 2016 DC Mayor's Arts Award for Distinguished Honor. In 2018, he was inducted into Gamma Xi Phi and appointed as an ambassador for the Authors Guild. Most recently, Miller was given a grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and a congressional award from Congressman Jamie Raskin in recognition of his literary activism. Miller serves as a board member for the DC Collaborative for Humanities and Education, The Inner Loop, and Folger Shakespeare Poetry. He was awarded the 2019 Literary Award for poetry by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association for his book *If God Invented Baseball*. Miller's latest book is *When Your Wife Has Tommy John Surgery and Other Baseball Stories*, published by City Point Press.



Kimberly Stanley

Kimberly Stanley is a social worker by trade and a compassionate advocate for crime victims. Kim currently serves as the Victim Witness Director for the Stark County Prosecutor's Office, where she works with a team of 11 advocates to assist and support crime victims in Stark County in a trauma informed manner. Previously, Kim served as the Executive Director of the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter, where she had been employed for 17 years, serving as the Director for 16 years. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration and Spanish from the University of Findlay and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Akron.

She is a Licensed Independent Social Worker. In 2015, Kim was honored with the yStark! Twenty Under 40 Award as well as the Distinguished Alumni Award through her alma mater, Sebring McKinley High School. In 2018, Kim received the esteemed Athena award from the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce.

Kim currently serves as a Board member for the Ohio Domestic Violence Network Board of Directors, where she also serves as Chair of the Governance Committee. She leads the Stark County Domestic Violence Collaborative and the Stark County Victims' Rights Coalition; and is an active participating member of the Stark County SART, Stark County Adult Protective Services Interdisciplinary Team, the Stark Community Corrections Planning Board, the Stark Multidisciplinary Advocacy/Protective Resources Team, and the Domestic Violence and Drug Court Advisory Committee.



Geoffrey Bateman

Geoffrey Bateman is a teacher, writer, sometimes administrator, gay dad, queer husband, and, as he likes to joke, a professional homosexual. He is currently an associate professor in the Department of Peace and Justice Studies at Regis University, and teaches courses on gender, sexuality, and homelessness, LGBT activism and social justice movements, and research and writing in the community, as well as integrating vocational exploration into the department's curriculum and advising.

His most recent scholarship and teaching focuses on the intersection of vocation, queerness, and social justice. In 2017, he participated in NetVUE's inaugural multidisciplinary faculty seminar on "Teaching Vocational Exploration," which opened up new horizons in his own vocational journey as a scholar and afforded him the opportunity to publish "Queer Callings: LGBTQ Literature and Vocation." Currently, he is a contributor to NetVUE's Scholarly Resources Project's most recent volume focusing on vocation and the common good. His essay, "Queer Vocation and the Uncommon Good," argues for a queer transformation of the common good to affirm queer and other forms of particularity in the common worlds we share. His previous publications include Don't Ask, Don't Tell: Debating the Gay Ban in the Military (Lynne Rienner, 2003), and numerous essays on issues related to gender and sexuality.

Over the past few decades his community-based activist work has focused on HIV prevention and AIDS activism, fighting the ban on LGBT service members in the U.S. military, working for marriage equality, as well as supporting efforts to address homelessness in his local community. From 2012 to 2020, he served on the board of The Gathering Place, Denver's only daytime, drop-in shelter for women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty, some of whom are homeless.



Dr. Erica Glover

Dr. Erica Glover is a servant of education, committed to equity and inclusion. Throughout her career in education, Dr. Glover has worked as an educator, administrator, and Human Resource/Diversity, equity and inclusion professional. As a former student-athlete and former professional basketball player, Dr. Glover realized that her passion to impact change was not limited to the basketball court. She remained committed to her community through the development of her non-profit, OKBNU, Inc. Through this non-profit, she was able to provide local youth with the opportunity to participate in AAU programs

without the financial burden that deters many youth today. In 2017, Dr. Glover earned her doctorate degree in Urban Education, from Cleveland State University. With an emphasis on Policy and Planning, Dr. Glover has transferred her learning into reimagining the ways in which we socialize future teachers (current students and pre-service teachers), and in-service teachers.

Today, Dr. Glover supports school districts and scholars through her organization, Disrupter University. Through this organization, she provides coaching for scholars and educators that empowers them to shift their mindsets to change lives. She believes that advocacy is the key to liberation and peace, and develops training that allows others to see themselves in this work. Dr. Glover is also an author. She is projected to release her book, *Centering Student Voice: A Guide For Cultivating Emotionally Teachers and Culturally Responsive Classrooms*, this Winter. In her spare time, Dr. Glover enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with family.



Bryson Davis

Bryson Davis is a Husband. Father. Pastor. CEO. Instructor. Learner. Bryson wears many hats that have afforded him rich experiences in some of the most challenging and beautiful places around the world. From his own upbringing in poverty to winning college championships, Bryson hopes his story will encourage and inspire others to embody stories of solidarity, liberation, and grace. You can learn about Bryson's background more [here](#).

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2022 Best Undergraduate Thesis of the Year Award Winner: *Tristan Alston*

Swarthmore College, Peace and Conflict Studies

“Lessons of Black Armed Resistance: White Violence, Black Subjectivity, and the Forceful Pursuit of Revolutionary Change”

Throughout U.S. history, Black men and women have taken up arms not only to defend themselves and their communities against the violent forces of white supremacy, but also to pursue a more just and inclusive society, complicating claims that nonviolence and armed self-defense are incompatible. Drawing on a range of secondary sources, from seminal texts in the historiography of slavery to foundational civil resistance theory, I trace the histories of armed resistance in Black communities, noting its basic practical functions and revealing its aspirational and imaginative dimensions—centering not just Black subjects, but Black subjectivity. Use of arms has been both functional and ideological, preserving, empowering, and transforming African American communities. Illuminating the historical arc and evolution of Black (armed) resistance enhances our understanding of white supremacy by exposing the primacy of white violence and advancing knowledge about collective action that has been taken to challenge it. Moreover, discourse around such resistance reveals Black aspirations and visions of the future that might continue to inform organized resistance today. Ultimately, the question is not whether armed resistance is the most righteous or most effective tool to pursue racial justice. Strategic nonviolent action has often been, and continues to be, the predominant form of organized resistance in the long struggle for liberation. Rather, the question is what we might learn about effective resistance against white supremacy and violence today by exploring histories of armed resistance within African American communities.

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2022 Best Graduate Thesis of the Year Award Winner: *Rebekah Hanson*
Iowa State University, Food Science and Human Nutrition

Food as grounds for peacebuilding: Conceptualizing a food peace framework for the field of nutrition and dietetics

The prevalence of food insecurity with the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted disparities and fragilities within the United States and global food systems. The U.S., though not wrought with violent outbreaks of conflict, has faced political tensions and social grievances that limit food security and peace within the food system. The relationship between food and peace is largely defined as the lack of violent conflict

in association with food security. The food peacebuilding approach represents a paradigm shift that integrates food and peace to foster right and just relationships with self, others, and the Earth for sustainable, resilient, and equitable food systems. This grounded theory, qualitative study conducted as virtual, pre-interview surveys and semi-structured individual interviews, elicited the perceptions and understandings from a purposive sample of registered dietitians working within the U.S. food system. It also sought to build and validate a food peace framework to evaluate the role of food in the context of peace.

Participants included registered dietitians working within the food system from twelve states and one district of the United States (Arizona, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington, and Washington D.C.). Participants (n=22) completed an online pre-survey managed through Qualtrics™, then participated in a semi-structured interview via Cisco Webex. Grounded theory iterative coding was performed in three phases for theoretical integration and analysis: initial coding, focused coding, and theoretical coding. Thematic coding analysis with NVivo (ver12.0) was used to organize and interpret data. Findings revealed important patterns pertaining to perceptions of peace, food and peacebuilding, and implications of a food peacebuilding framework.

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Peace Scholar Award: Laura Finley, PhD



Laura Finley is Professor of Sociology and Criminology at Barry University in Miami, Florida. She is also author, co-author or editor of more than thirty books and numerous book chapters and journal articles. In addition, Dr. Finley is actively involved in a number of peace, justice and human rights groups. She is a board member of The Humanity Project and Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Prior to being elected co-chair, Dr. Finley was Publications Chair for PJSA. She also coordinates PJSA's Speaker's Bureau.

Next Generation Peacemaker Award: Bryson Davis



Bryson Davis is a Husband. Father. Pastor. CEO. Instructor. Learner. Bryson wears many hats that have afforded him rich experiences in some of the most challenging and beautiful places around the world. From his own upbringing in poverty to winning college championships, Bryson hopes his story will encourage and inspire others to embody stories of solidarity, liberation, and grace. You can learn about Bryson's background more [here](#).

The Howard Zinn Lifetime Achievement Award: Ethelbert Miller



Ethelbert Miller is a writer and literary activist. He is the author of two memoirs and several books of poetry including *The Collected Poems of E. Ethelbert Miller*, a comprehensive collection that represents over 40 years of his work. Miller's poetry has been translated into nearly a dozen languages. For 17 years he served as the editor of *Poet Lore*, the oldest poetry magazine published in the United States. Miller is a two-time Fulbright Senior Specialist Program Fellow to Israel. He holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from Emory and Henry College and has taught at several universities.

Miller is host of the weekly WPFW morning radio show *On the Margin with E. Ethelbert Miller* and host and producer of *The Scholars on UDC-TV* which received a 2020 Telly Award. Miller was inducted into the 2015 Washington DC Hall of Fame and awarded the 2016 AWP George Garrett Award for Outstanding Community Service in Literature and the 2016 DC Mayor's Arts Award for Distinguished Honor. In 2018, he was inducted into Gamma Xi Phi and appointed as an ambassador for the Authors Guild. Most recently, Miller was given a grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and a congressional award from Congressman Jamie Raskin in recognition of his literary activism. Miller serves as a board member for the DC Collaborative for Humanities and Education, The Inner Loop, and Folger Shakespeare Poetry. He was awarded the 2019 Literary Award for poetry by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association for his book *If God Invented Baseball*. Miller's latest book is *When Your Wife Has Tommy John Surgery and Other Baseball Stories*, published by City Point Press.

Social Courage Award: Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter



The community of Alliance responded to the issue of domestic violence by creating the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter (AADVS) which was founded in 1979 as P.A.C.E.- Project for Assisting in Crisis Emergence. What started as a grass roots, all-volunteer effort by local citizens concerned about the problem of domestic violence in Alliance and the surrounding area has grown tremendously since its inception 42 years ago. P.A.C.E. became incorporated in 1979, received 501(c)(3) status in 1981 and changed its name to do business as the AADVS shortly after.

The mission of the AADVS is to empower and assist survivors of verbal, emotional, financial, sexual, and physical abuse by providing education, resources, emergency shelter and transitional support services. The AADVS values the life of each person affected by abuse regardless of age, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability/ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression (real or perceived), marital status, class, politics, religion/spirituality, veteran status, educational level, genetic information (and other protected statuses). AADVS believes that all abuse is unacceptable. The AADVS envisions a community wide collaboration focused on breaking the cycle of abuse, reduction and prevention of abuse by educating individuals and the community, and a secure, supportive home environment to safely guide survivors toward a better future.

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On Campus

KHIC Start Cafe, KHIC library (quasi 'OFFICIAL' coffee source for PJSA 2022)

Starbucks coffee, Tazo teas, water & other beverages, snacks, light lunch items

Open Friday: 9:00am-3:30pm

Open Saturday: 8:30am-2:30pm

Food Near UMU

Aeonian Brewing Co.

120 W. Chestnut Street

330.596.1004

brewing company, bar, restaurant

Buffalo Wild Wings

310 State Street

330.821.9464

pick-up, delivery, online ordering

The College Inn

715 W. State Street

330.823.3332

Lunch & dinner: American, soups, desserts with dine-in, Pick-up, online ordering

Doug's Classic '57 Diner

2031 S. Rockhill Avenue

330.821.2887

Breakfast, lunch, dinner; American diner with dine-in, Take-out

Papa Gyro's

320 State Street

330.823.7773

Greek, Mediterranean, bar with dine-in, curbside pickup, delivery

Eating Near the Conference Hotels

Near the Holiday Inn:

Bob Evans [0.75 miles from Holiday Inn]

2501 W. State Street

330.821.4446

Dine-in, curbside pickup, no-contact delivery

Jalisco Mexican Restaurant [1 min. walk from Holiday Inn Express]

2367 W. State Street

330.829.7135

Mexican, southwestern with dine-in, carry out

Texas Roadhouse [3 min. walk from Holiday Inn]

2033 W. State Street

330.821.1755

American, steak house with dine-in, drive-through

Applebee's [0.75 miles from Holiday Inn]

2600 W. State Street

330.829.1700

Dine-in, takeout, delivery

Near the Hampton Inn:

A-Town Burgers & Brews [3 min. walk from Hampton Inn]

1975 W. State Street

330.680.4399

Dine-in, takeout

Grinders Above & Beyond [near Hampton Inn]

1820 W. State Street

330.821.6665

American, Dine-in, curbside pickup

Within Driving Distance:

Bann Thai [10 min. drive east on 62]

20430 Harrisburg Westville Road [aka 62 east]

330.680.4399

Thai with dine-in (reservations recommended), take out

Ezio's Italian Restaurant [20-25 min. drive to Salem, east on 62]

182 S. Broadway Avenue

Salem OH 44460

330.337.3872

Dine-in, curbside pickup

If you're craving chocolate...

Heggy's Confectionery

1300 W. State Street

330.821.2051

famous for their house-made chocolates, caramels, ice cream & roasted nuts

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Things to do in Alliance:

Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve

11929 Beech Street NE

Haines House Underground Railroad Museum

186 W. Market Street

Mabel Hartzell Historical Home

840 N. Park Avenue

The Troll Hole Museums

228 E. Main Street

Claiming the world's largest troll collection. This museum explores trolls, from mythology to today

Further away:

Hale Farm & Village

2686 Oak Hill Road | Bath 44210

A historic property of the Western Reserve Historical Society in Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio. This 32-structure museum offers a glimpse of life in the 1860s via crafts, gardens, & farm animals

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

714 N Portage Path | Akron 44303

A historic house museum featuring a 65-room Tudor Revival Manor House and recently restored Gate Lodge

Kent State University May Visitors Center

Kent State University | 300 Midway Drive | Kent OH 44243

Pro Football Hall of Fame

2121 George Halas Drive NW | Canton 44708

...and a bit further:

Cleveland Cultural Gardens

Collection of public gardens located in Rockefeller Park along East Boulevard & Martin Luther King Jr. Drive w/in 276. Acre of wooded parkland on the city's East Side Built 1916 through 2019 & still building

The Cleveland Museum of Art

11150 East Blvd | Cleveland 44106

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

1100 E 9th Avenue | Cleveland 44114