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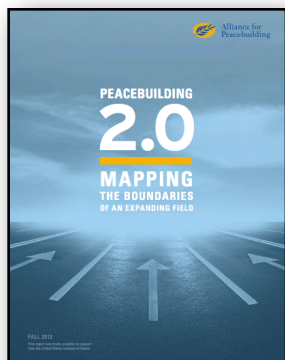
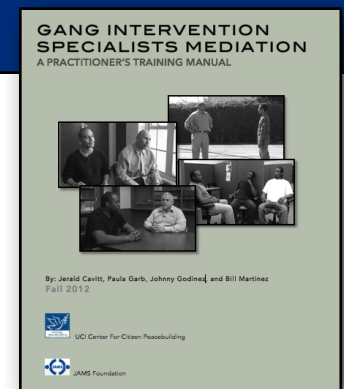
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Gang Intervention Mediation Manual will soon be available via PDF on our website. It can be used alongside our YouTube Training training videos available at the CCPB Youtube channel: [UCI Peacebuilding](#). The manual and videos will also have an online participatory element for a transmedia experience. The manual presents and makes accessible best practices and lessons learned in bringing about short-term and sustainable peace in U.S. communities prone to gang violence.

Unlike traditional mediation training tools, this program highlights the special qualities of mediating in violent contexts between youths, and youths and authority figures. Also included are lessons learned when mediating between groups, such as street gangs and law enforcement.



"PeaceBuilding 2.0 Mapping the Boundaries of The Peacebuilding Field."

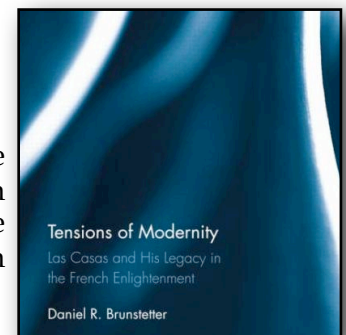
The Center for Citizen Peacebuilding participated in a study that resulted in the recent report by The Alliance for Peacebuilding. The study was the product of the year-long Peacebuilding Mapping Project, a program of the Alliance for Peacebuilding, funded by the United States Institute of Peace, and in partnership with the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at the University of San Diego. Our Center participated in two separate surveys of a total of 119 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). Our Center is one of 44 US-based peacebuilding organizations (all members of the Alliance for Peacebuilding). The other survey was of 75 NGOs in closely related fields.

Key findings: The peacebuilding field is a far more expansive community of practice including humanitarian aid, development, anthropology, human rights, gender mainstreaming, information and communication technology, and the military, to name a few.

Peacebuilding is best done across many sectors. To be truly effective, the field must coordinate its efforts across these sectors. Rather than focusing on micro-level interventions, a systems approach to peace allows for macro-level planning and cumulative impact.

The full report can be found here: [AfP Mapping Project](#)

"**Tensions of Modernity**," a recently published book by board member and political science professor, **Daniel Brunstetter**, shows how politics today are marked by tensions between claims of universal human rights and diversity. From the war on terror to immigration, one of the major challenges facing liberalism is to understand the scope of equality in a world in which certain peoples are perceived to reject and/or violently resist democratic principles.





Woman in the South Caucasus conflict zone: Onnik Krikorian 2012

How did I become a peacebuilder?"

The former teacher paused, looked down.

"The war had taken the lives of many of my students, friends and family. During this dark period when each side was attacking and counter attacking, I came home one day from school, exhausted and cold. My husband told me that down the road from our house that afternoon some people from our community had forced a mother, father and their children from the other community out of their car and shot them in cold blood. All I could say was, 'Serves them right.' I turned around and went into the kitchen to cook dinner, not giving it another thought.

"When I went to bed that night and started visualizing the killing of children, and still felt no remorse for that family, I realized that I had died as a woman and as a mother. I prayed that the Lord would restore my humanity, but to no avail. A few days later, in desperation, I went to the other community and told my story to the first woman I met. I begged her to help me become the mother and woman I used to be. All she could do in that moment was to put her arms around me. Together we embraced each other and wept. From that moment on, we became allies working tirelessly in our communities for reconciliation."

One of the goals of our Center is to support and facilitate dialogue across deadly conflicts to create formative space where new leaders can emerge and sincere dialogue can take place. We create these kinds of interactions and support peacebuilders like this woman. Her story is why we support peace work across the globe, from the Middle East to the violent streets of our destitute neighborhoods.

Directors' Message

Paula Garb & David Snow

Your support is the only way we can continue. This year we need your compassion, your loyalty, and your financial support for citizen peacebuilders on our campus, our neighborhoods, and around the world.

Support this work by participating in these same efforts with your input and participation online and offline. Here are a few ways to be part of our work. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook, or Google Plus to learn about our projects as they happen, join our events and trips or give financially to support our work.

Please click the link to show your support. [SUPPORT US](#)

ACTION

A light at the end of the tunnel. After more than 18 years of grassroots work in Georgia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia the Center for Citizen Peacebuilding is seeing significant results from our tenacious and long-term efforts. One of our original grassroots leaders in our people-to-people peacebuilding efforts, Paata Zakareishvili, has moved from being a local civil society leader in Georgia to representing the Georgian government in negotiations. His former Abkhaz counterpart in our projects, Irakli Khintba, is also now holding leadership within the Abkhaz government as deputy foreign minister. Our full time and long term commitment to this work has paid off as we are now seeing dedicated peacemakers in positions of influence.



RESEARCH

Drones have been an increasingly important fixture in foreign affairs, but not without controversy. Military and intelligence personnel, robotics experts, and some academics have argued they remove the risk to U.S. personnel. Moreover, the ability of drones to undertake limited, pinprick, covert strikes significantly reduces civilian casualties compared to other weapons platforms, as well as the costs and risks of waging a larger war to curtail the terrorist threat, thus leading to what the Obama administration sees as a more humane type of war. Among the critics, some legal experts challenge the legality of CIA-controlled drones to undertake targeted killings across sovereign borders. Journalists and human rights organizations have brought to light concerns about the efficacy of CIA-drones in avoiding civilian casualties and the impact that purported civilian deaths have on fueling terrorist recruitment. Finally, other scholars, including Center faculty, Daniel Brunstetter, have begun to examine the extent to which the lack of transparent decision making processes related to the CIA-led drone operations might lead to unjust uses of force or undermine democracy.



2012 Recipients of Larry and Dulcie Kugelman Fellowship

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[*Where We Work*](#)



Nina Smart:

“Resisting World Polity Transmission: The Silence on the Glocalization of anti-FGM legislature in the Parliament of Sierra Leone”

Giorgio Gosti:

“Community Driven Peacebuilding as an Alternative to Military Peacekeeping”

Heidi Haddad:

“Access and Influence: Mapping Civil Society Networks at the International Criminal Court”

Kelsey Norman:

“How Cairo’s Resettlement and Refugee Protection System Affects the Rights of Refugees and Migratory Persons”

Peter Owens:

“No Further West: Conflict and Cooperation Between Indigenous Peoples and American Settlers in California, 1846-1873”

Tyson Patros:

“The Role of the Tunisian and Egyptian Labor Movements in the Revolutionary Mobilization of 2010-2011”

David Wight:

“The Petrodollar and the Foreign Relations of the U.S. and the Middle East and North Africa, 1969-Present”

Johanna Solomon:

“Reconciliation through Jewish Muslim Inter-Group Dialogue”

Arturo Jimenez Bacardi:

“The Power and Limits of International Law: Torture and Target Killings in U.S. Security Policy”

Eric Mosinger:

“The Collective Defense of Democracy from Caracas to Cairo”

Anna Tan:

“Humanitarian Mobilization during the Nanjung Massacre: Compassion, Opportunity and Threat”

EDUCATION



The Olive Tree Initiative Armenia-Turkey educates students and community members about the historical and contemporary tensions. Participants include students, faculty and community members from diverse backgrounds, including from Armenia and Turkey. The group took its inaugural trip to the region in March and April this year.

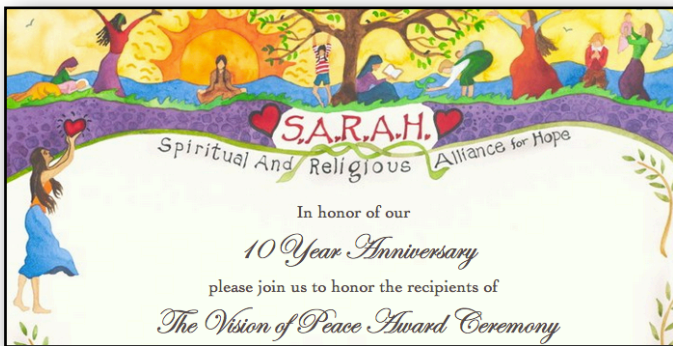
OTI Members commit to learning about key issues in the strained relations by traveling to the region and meeting with various opinion leaders and grassroots people in each country. By hearing directly from politicians, religious leaders, civil society organizations and academics, members learn first hand the multiple perspectives and the dynamics of relations. The Olive Tree Initiative Armenia-Turkey is a collaborative process, from preparing the travel itinerary, fundraising efforts, to planning events, in order to share experiences and learning.



UCI OTI members in front of the Bosphorus in Turkey

Yerevan, Armenia Credit: Onnik Krikorian 2012

Participants who go through this experiential learning program become better engaged students and citizen diplomats capable of sharing their experiences on the UCI campus and with the greater community.



S.A.R.A.H. Award

Dr. Paula Garb and the Center for Citizen Peacebuilding received the S.A.R.A.H. Vision of Peace Award for their work to found the Olive Tree Initiative and launch Orange County's first gang intervention training program. They were honored at a special award ceremony and dinner marking S.A.R.A.H.'s 10 year anniversary, held on December 5 at the Huntington Beach Library and Cultural Center.

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