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Main Conference Agenda and Detailed Keynote Summaries

Main Conference (June 10– 11, 2016)

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Friday, June 10 Keynotes

Friday Morning Keynote and Panel, June 10 (8:45AM - 10AM)

Civil Society Responsibilities in Conflict Management: Preventing and Addressing Violence Against Women and Children



(Photos L – R, Mel Duncan, Hans Sinn, Silke Reichrath. Louis Guay)

This keynote will begin with former Canadian and United Nations Diplomat, Mr. Louis Guay, sharing a retrospective of personal and professional experiences with different types of conflicts, including the conflict in Niger and his experience being held hostage by al-Qaeda for 130 days in the Sahara, until his release was negotiated. Through these examples, he will identify some fundamental principles about conflict management and the critical responsibilities of civil society organizations in dealing with contemporary conflicts. Louis' presentation will be followed by a panel on preventing and addressing the violence that occur during these conflicts, particularly the violence perpetrated against women and children.

Mr. Hans Sinn and Ms. Silke Reichrath will share about their experience as they work with war children who are breaking their silence about what happened to them as children during and after World War II, including the rape, mutilation, displacement and deliberate starvation of civilian women and children. Having their voices heard is a step towards healing and restorative justice for victims of violence. These same issues are salient today in Syria and other conflict situations around the world. Peace professionals need to grapple with approaches to prevent and intervene in these dynamics. Mr. Mel Duncan, of The Nonviolent Peace Force, will share how unarmed civilian protection works in the field and illustrate how this approach effectively protects civilians including children and women in violent conflicts in places like South Sudan and Mindanao Philippines.

Keynote: Louis Guay is a former Canadian and United Nations diplomat and a Director of a large integrated (turn-key) school network project in Cameroon. He also served as a Mining Executive, in the Dominican Republic. Louis doubles, since leaving government, as a Consultant and as a Senior Fellow at Saint Paul University, where he teaches a course on “Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development”. His numerous long-term assignments and visits to countries in Latin America, Africa and Europe have put him in direct contact with conflicts of many kinds including those in relation with the development of natural resources. He developed a simple development model (Integrated Social Responsibility - ISR) which underscores the importance for the three main families of stakeholders (governments, civil society and economic agents) to fully assume their responsibilities in the pursuit of durable (lasting) developmental outcomes (peace and development).

Panelists: Mel Duncan, is the co-founder and current Director for Advocacy and Outreach for Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP). His work includes increasing the recognition and support for unarmed civilian protection (UCP) at the UN, as well as other activities to advance the field. Mel’s life has been devoted to bringing people together to advance peace, justice, and a sustainable environment. He has accepted numerous awards on behalf of the work of NP including the Hawkinson Foundation Annual Award, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship’s Peace Seeker award, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation USA Pfeffer International Peace Prize. *The Utne Reader* named him as one of “50 Visionaries Who are Changing Our World.” He holds a masters degree from New College of California and did his undergraduate work at Macalester College. He and his wife, Georgia, have 8 children and 12 grandchildren.

Hans Sinn and Silke Reichrath, Directors, Brooke Valley Research for Education in Nonviolence. Hans has spent his life dedicated to peace work, including nuclear disarmament, the nonviolent reunification of Germany, and the development of non-violent civilian protection and peacemaking. He was a co-founder of Peace Brigades International (PBI) and consequently founder and chair of PBI Canada, as well as the co-founder and chair of the Civilian Peace Service Canada. Silke has worked on dialogue processes in Guatemala and Afghanistan, violence prevention in Mexico and Canada's implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. She is board member of Peacebuild: The Canadian Peacebuilding Network. Brooke Valley Research for Education in Nonviolence promotes nonviolent peacekeeping and restorative justice as approaches to overcoming war-related violence, rape and murder. The organization is working towards closure of the Armenian genocide after 100 years and has taken

up in Canada the initiative of the German Kriegskinder, whereby Germans are "breaking the silence" about their WWII experiences as children.

Friday Plenary and Panel, June 10 (10:20 AM – 11:50 AM)

Connecting Schools, Communities, and Families Through Peace Education



(Photos L – R, Linda Lantieri, Scarlett Lewis, Jill Jackson)

Linda Lantieri, Senior Program Advisor, for the Collaboration for Academic Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL), will speak about the importance of building bridges between homes, educational institutions and community organizations in the service creating caring learning environments for children and youth. She will share specific tools, strategies, inspirational stories, and a framework for supporting integrated peace education efforts in schools, families and community organizations. An overview of the work of CASEL will be provided. CASEL is the nation's leading organization advancing the development of academic, social and emotional competence for all students. Their mission is to help make evidence-based social and emotional learning (SEL) an integral part of education from preschool through high school. Through research, practice and policy, CASEL collaborates to ensure all students become knowledgeable, responsible, caring and contributing members of society.

Following Linda's keynote, will be a panel featuring Jill Jackson of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and Scarlett Lewis, parent of a child who was killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Jill will share the more about ODE's polices and processes that support the implementation of Peace Education programs, creating safe and supportive learning environments. These include programs and policies such as the safe school climate guidelines, anti-harassment, intimidation and bullying prevention policy, positive behavioral interventions and supports, and school safety plans. Scarlett will share her personal story and the prevention and response strategies she advocates for through the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation. While we can't always choose what happens to us but it is always possible to choose how we respond. Planting the seed of post traumatic growth and teaching children personal responsibility, emotional intelligence and cultivating connections, will give them the ability to choose love. A simple but powerful equation gives us insight into how to choose love and have the courage to do it.

Keynote: Linda Lantieri, MA, has been in the field in education for over 40 years in a variety of capacities: classroom teacher, assistant principal, director of a middle school in East Harlem,

and currently an adjunct faculty member at Columbia University, Teachers College in New York City. She serves as the Director of *The Inner Resilience Program* whose mission is to cultivate the inner lives of students, teachers and schools by integrating social and emotional learning with contemplative practice. In 1985, she co-founded the Resolving Conflict Creatively Program (RCCP), a research-based K-8 social and emotional learning program that has been implemented in over 400 schools worldwide. Linda is also one of the founding board members of the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) and is currently a Senior Program Advisor for CASEL. She is the coauthor of *Waging Peace in Our Schools* (Beacon Press, 1996) editor of *Schools with Spirit: Nurturing the Inner Lives of Children and Teachers* (Beacon Press, 2001), and author of *Building Emotional Intelligence: Techniques to Cultivate Inner Strength in Children* (Sounds True, 2008, 2104).

Panelists: Jill Jackson, earned a bachelor's degree in interpersonal and public communication with a minor in marketing from Bowling Green State University. She holds a master's degree in higher education and student affairs from The Ohio State University and is currently working on a doctorate in Organizational Psychology at Capella University. Since her career began 20 years ago, Jill has worked to improve conditions for student learning in Ohio schools and to involve families and communities in removing non-academic barriers to student achievement. In addition, she has managed prevention and intervention services provided by juvenile court, community-based agencies, faith-based organizations and local school districts. Currently, Jill is a Consultant for the Ohio Department of Education's Center for P-20 Safety and Security. In this position, she serves Ohio's students, families and communities through partnerships and prevention and early intervention services provided in Ohio's over 900-plus school districts to reduce nonacademic risk behaviors and improve academic achievement and school climate.

Scarlett Lewis, Founder of The Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation and author of *Nurturing Healing Love*, Scarlett's story is one of love and survival. It's about how to face the impossible, find courage when you think you have none, and how to choose love instead of anger, fear, or hatred. Inspired by a simple message her son wrote on their kitchen chalkboard the day he died, Scarlett has embarked on a journey of forgiveness and a mission to change thoughts of anger into love. Her book "Nurturing Healing Love" chronicles her journey of choosing love and how it is changing her life - and how it could change our world. Scarlett is the recipient of the International Forgiveness Award, the Live Your Legacy Award and the Common Ground Award for her advocacy work for peace and forgiveness. The foundation was created in honor of Jesse and has created programs to promote social and emotional education, share the importance of compassion in action, and how to carry the message to our children and out into our communities.

Saturday, June 11 Keynotes

Saturday Morning Keynote, June 11 (9:00 AM - 10:00 AM)

Security Sector Reform: How Open Are Peacebuilders to Cooperative Advocacy?



(Photos L – R, Nick Oatley, Jerry P. Lanier)

Mr. Nick Oatley and Amb. Lanier will discuss the sometimes uncomfortable position that peacebuilders may find themselves in when needing to work collaboratively with uniformed personnel to achieve reforms and help build bridges with the community. The military and the police need the talents and perspective of conflict resolution professionals to re-establish trusting relationships with citizens and to prevent violence and keep the peace. PartnersGlobal has developed a dialogue tool for productively working together on needed reforms with the participation of civilian institutions, security sector, and civil society organizations. Mr. Oatley will discuss the application of this tool throughout West Africa and Central America, and the lessons for conflict resolution professionals in pushing past our own biases and perceptions. Amb. Lanier will share examples of building partnerships and collaboration with security forces from his perspective and experience as a US diplomat.

Keynotes:

Nick Oatley, currently the Chief Operating Officer of PartnersGlobal, was previously at Search for Common Ground. He has worked in the field in Burundi, Rwanda, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Tunisia, Indonesia, and Nepal. He was involved in the Mano River Regional Symposium on Citizen Engagement in Security Sector Reform (SSR) held in Liberia and has been involved in the development and application of a framework for involving citizens in security governance now being piloted in Nigeria and Sierra Leone ([Security Governance Accountability and Performance](#) – SGAP - Framework). He recently attended a NATO Summit on SSR and Consultations on European Commission’s new Strategy for SSR.

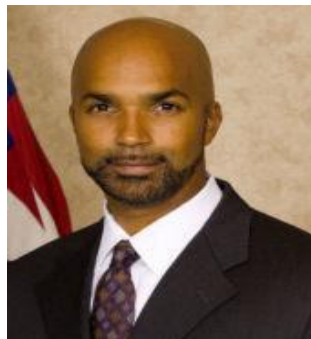
Jerry P. Lanier, Ambassador, is a retired career diplomat with 32 years of service in the U.S. Department of State. He served most recently as U.S. Ambassador to Sudan from May 2014 to March 2016. Ambassador Lanier led the Bureau of Counterterrorism (CT) from November 2012 to February 2014. Prior to that, he taught courses on security issues at the National Defense University and served as U.S. Ambassador to Uganda from 2009 to 2012. In 2012, Ambassador Lanier was runner-up for the State Department’s award for Human Rights Defender of the Year. From 2007 to 2009, Mr. Lanier served as the first Foreign Policy Advisor for the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany. Previously, he was the Director of Regional and Security Affairs in the Bureau of African Affairs at the State Department (2006-

2007), which coordinates security, counterterrorism, and peacekeeping operations in Africa. Mr. Lanier also deployed with the U.S. military as advisor to the Commander of U.S. forces during the peacekeeping operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina (2002-2003).

(Select one plenary from the two options below)

Saturday Afternoon Plenary Option 1, June 11 (1:00PM – 2:30PM)

**Peace and Justice in our Communities: Best Practices and Beyond
Panel: How to Prevent Polarization in Divided Communities**



(Photo L – R, Grande Lum, Carter M. Stewart, Nancy Rogers, Robert L. Solomon, Joseph Stulberg)

This keynote draws upon Mr. Grande Lum's experience mediating community conflicts including recent experiences with community conflicts over tragedies in Sanford Florida, Ferguson Missouri and Baltimore Maryland. The focus of the speech will be best practices in conflict resolution in polarizing conflicts, especially in terms of preparation, first response and follow through. Approaches to be discuss include mediation, facilitation of dialogue, training, convening and consultation. Grande will also speak broadly to what various stakeholders can do to insure peace and justice, followed by a panel on how to prevent polarization in divided communities.

Panel: How to Prevent Polarization in Divided Communities

Communities are becoming increasingly polarized over a variety of issues from race to religion to economics. Panelists will provide their perspective on the challenges all communities face and what can be done to transform potential civil unrest into productive collaborative action. The panel will focus on the value and benefits of dispute resolution in dealing with community conflict. Special focus will be on the benefits of convening stakeholders, conflict assessment, and preparation. The roles of mediation, facilitation and education in reducing tension, building trust and resolving conflict will be discussed.

Keynote:

Grande Lum is the Director of the Divided Community Project (DCP) at the Ohio State University Moritz School of Law. DCP's mission is to strengthen communities so they can transform division into action. Lum also serves as a Research Fellow and Lecturer at Stanford Law School's Gould Center for Conflict Resolution. Previously, Lum was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate in 2012 as the Director of the Community Relations Service (CRS), an agency within the Department of Justice. Lum guided CRS during a time when race and law enforcement reemerged as a critical national priority. Prominent conflicts between law enforcement and race that occurred during his administration included those involving tragedies in Sanford, Florida; Ferguson, Missouri; and Baltimore, Maryland. During his tenure, CRS was recipient of the 2013 Association of Conflict Resolution Peacemaker Award and the 2014 American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Lawyer as Problem Solver Award.

Panelists: Nancy H. Rogers is a Professor Emeritus at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Professor Rogers teaches and writes primarily in the dispute resolution area. Since joining the Moritz faculty, she has served as Ohio Attorney General, Dean of the Moritz College of Law, Vice Provost for Academic Administration of The Ohio State University, Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for Moritz. Prior to joining the faculty, she was a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Thomas D. Lambros in Cleveland and practiced in the Glenville-area office of the Cleveland Legal Aid Society.

Robert L. Solomon, Esq., is the Assistant Vice Provost, Office of Diversity & Inclusion at The Ohio State University. He began his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General for the state of Ohio and served as a Franklin County Municipal Court Magistrate before joining OSU to work in administration, where among his many positions, he has served as the Chief Diversity Officer at the Moritz College of Law, directing the law school's Office of Diversity & Inclusion. He has also served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the United States Department of Justice. His past honors include being appointed by former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to serve on the Ohio Ethics Commission in 2010 and being selected by Congress to represent the District at the 2006 National African American Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. In October 2015 he received the Hispanic National Bar Association Region X President's Award.

Carter M. Stewart, Managing Director, of the Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation, recently worked for the U.S. Department of Justice where he served as the presidentially-appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio. In this role, Stewart emphasized deterrence, crime prevention and alternatives to incarceration. He created the district's first

community outreach position and established a community leadership committee geared towards building trust and improving communication between the public and law enforcement. He created the district's first diversion program to allow individuals a means of avoiding a felony record while still being held accountable for their wrong-doing. Stewart worked to address inequities in the criminal justice system by raising awareness about the school to prison pipeline and by chairing a working group of U.S. Attorneys focused on reducing racial disparities in the federal system. Stewart also chaired the Attorney General's Child Exploitation Working Group.

Joseph B. Stulberg, the Michael E. Moritz Chair in Alternative Dispute Resolution at the Ohio State University, teaches courses primarily in alternative dispute resolution. A former vice president of the American Arbitration Association in charge of its Community Dispute Services program, Stulberg has been active in the ADR field as a practitioner, scholar, and teacher since 1973. He conducted mediator training for the U.S. Attorney General's original Neighborhood Justice Center programs in Atlanta, Kansas City, and Los Angeles, and has trained more than 8,500 people in 45 states to serve in court, agency-based, or community-based dispute resolution programs. Stulberg also designed and implemented the first peer-mediation program in New York City public schools and teamed with Partners for Democratic Change to deliver dispute resolution training to governmental and NGO leaders in Central and Eastern Europe. He earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law.

Saturday Afternoon Plenary Option 2, June 11 (1:00 PM – 2:30 PM)
Riding the Wave: Harnessing Campus Energy to Help Decrease Rates of Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence



(Photos L – R, Alex Leslie, Laura Stoll, Shannon J. Greybar Milliken)

The majority of colleges and universities in the United States (and around the world) have recognized the national pressure to better address violence, especially sexual and intimate partner violence, on their campuses. Through media coverage, national legislation, state guidelines, and internal pressure from student groups and boards, college and university staff often express feeling overwhelmed by the demands to create change in this area. The first half of this keynote will seek to help local activists, college and university staff and faculty, students, and everyone in between understand some of these demands and how to best harness the growing wave of change before any backlash or change in momentum.

The second half of this keynote will consist of a panel discussion of campus representatives, statewide stakeholders, and local program advocates to help give tangible recommendations about how they have implemented positive change initiatives on their campuses and in their regions. There will also be time for questions and answers.

Keynote: Alexander Leslie, Director of Campus Services, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) has been engaged in sexual violence prevention for 10 years. In his role at the CRCC, he has designed prevention programs and strategies that reach youth, boys and men, adults in the community, and college students. With CRCC's help he created the Youth 360 leadership program, a nationally recognized "innovation in prevention." He currently works with local universities to build capacity to respond to sexual assaults in a trauma-informed manner. He has presented to universities from California to Georgia. He has also presented to members of the US Air Force stationed in Germany as well as other branches of the military here in the US. Alex holds a Master of Business Administration in Organizational Development and Leadership from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management and a BA from the College of William & Mary in Virginia.

Panelists:

Ann Brandon, Training and Technical Assistance Specialist at Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV), joined OAESV in October 2015 and most recently worked for 13 years at a dual rape crisis/domestic violence program in Northern Kentucky. Ann's experience includes consulting with the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs providing training and consultation during a 5-year research project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which measurably reduced the perpetration of sexual violence by over 50%. Her experience includes fundamental knowledge in the areas of sexual violence, bystander intervention, organizational capacity, program implementation, strategic planning and community mobilization.

Shannon J. Greybar Milliken, Ph.D., Associate VP of Student Affairs at Cleveland State University, has been a higher education administrator for the last 15 years and active in research about college women sexual decision-making. Currently, Shannon is the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs at Cleveland State University. Prior her current role, Shannon worked as a Title IX Investigator at Case Western Reserve University and as the Director of Student Affairs at their Weatherhead School of Management. She has held positions previously also at Clemson University and DePaul University. Originally from the Chicagoland area, she obtained her bachelors degree at DePauw University (IN), masters in counseling from Indiana State University and a doctorate in educational leadership at DePaul University (IL).

Lauren Stoll, LSW, is a student activist at the University of Cincinnati (UC). Lauren engaged as a student activist around issues of gender-based violence on her campus for four years. As a student at the University of Cincinnati, Lauren participated as a RECLAIM Peer Advocate through the UC Women's Center working with students who experienced gender-based violence. As a Peer Advocate, she also advocated at the campus, state, and federal level for improved access to confidential advocacy services for survivors. Lauren also organized and implemented a regional symposium on Campus Response to Gender-Based Violence in May of

2015 bringing together representatives from six campuses. She is now an alumni of the University of Cincinnati with a Master of Social Work.