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**PCSJ 2023 Conference
Schedule-at-a-Glance
Quick Links Included**

NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN STANDARD

Thursday, November 2, 2023

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN & BREAKFAST (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

9:00 a.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. KEYNOTE (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

Dr. Solon Simmons: "Big Peace: A new agenda for a global movement"
The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution
George Mason University

10:30 a.m. Coffee break (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Living and Learning in Community (BLOCK A)

Room 1 Chair: Karina Korostelina (Sherman 1037)

Room 2 Chair: Henrik Grátrud (Sherman 1046)

Room 3 Chair: Ismael Muvingi (Sherman 2061)

Room 4 Chair: Gordon Breedyk (Sherman 3018)

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Learning through Community and Justice (BLOCK B)

Room 1 Chair: Marc B. Kuly (Sherman 1037)

Room 2 Chair: Kira Nurieli (On-campus only; Sherman 1046)

Room 3 Chair: Jeremy Rinker (Sherman 2061)

Room 4 Chair: Laura Finley (Sherman 3018)

3:00 p.m. COFFEE BREAK (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tackling Safety and Justice in Community (BLOCK C)

Room 1 Chair: Noam Ebner (Sherman 1037)

Room 2 Chair: Lydie Belporo (Sherman 1046)

Room 3 Chair: Michael Chadukiewicz (Sherman 2061)

5 p.m. EDITORIAL BOARD'S RECEPTION (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

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Friday, November 3, 2023

8:30 a.m. CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Learning Community Cohesion (BLOCK D)

Room 1 Chair: James Kewir Kiven (Sherman 1034)

Room 2 Chair: Salvin Paul (Sherman 1037)

Room 3 Chair: Sean Byrne (DeSantis 1046)

11:00 a.m. COFFEE BREAK (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Living Together (BLOCK E)

Room 1 Chair: Adam R. Zemans (Sherman 1034)

Room 2 Chair: Alexia Georgakopoulos (Sherman 1037)

Room 3 Chair: Adina Friedman (Sherman 1046)

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. LUNCH (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Choosing to Stay Together (BLOCK F)

Room 1 Chair: Ana Cynthia Saenz Jaimes (Sherman 1034)

Room 2 Chair: Mehmet Yavuz (Sherman 1037)

Room 3 Chair: Elena Bastidas (Sherman 1046)

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6:00 p.m. Optional DINE-AROUNDS (Ft. Lauderdale)

Full Schedule

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"If we take a long view of the history of the study of peace and conflict resolution, one at least reaching back into the 19th century, it becomes clear that our vision of the field has narrowed. Although we now recognize how critical local and regional perspectives are in building the stable conditions that are necessary to sustain productive social relationships, i.e., 'positive peace,' peace projects today are notably less ambitious than they were when visionaries like Bertha Von Suttner called on the world to 'lay down its arms' and convinced Alfred Nobel to create his famous and celebrated peace prize. Where once the peace movement developed institutions like the United Nations itself, now the goals of peace and justice are relegated to the 16th slot of a list of 17 goals that the United Nations has in relation to economic development. As important as it is to work for peace with all parties and at all levels, the return of a multi-polar world order, especially given the rise of China in

all aspects of global affairs, demands that the peace movement return to the ambitions of its youth. The peace movement needs to match its recent pragmatic attitude with its former audacity. It needs to broaden its scope to include all of the root causes of injustice from war to authoritarianism and tyranny, to economic exploitation, and to the cultivation of the richest forms of inclusion and group dignity. And it needs to know the season, developing the courage to differentiate when it's time to build coalitions to right a historical wrong and when it's time to build bridges across pessimistic divides. In this talk, I lay out my thoughts about the current crisis in the study of peace and conflict resolution and propose a new agenda that is equal to the challenge that this generation of peace researchers now faces."

10:30 a.m. Coffee break (Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery)

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. SESSION BLOCK A: Living and Learning in Community

ROOM 1 [Sherman 1037]

Session Chair: Karina Korostelina

Tech Chair: Eileen Petzold-Bradley

The Challenges and Opportunities of DEI in Higher Education

Eileen Petzold-Bradley, *Nova Southeastern University*

Support for war and peace in Ukraine

Karina Korostelina, *George Mason University*

Participatory action research as a mechanism for sustaining peace

Thomas Hill, *New York University*

Katerina Siira, *New York University*

ROOM 2 [Sherman 1046]

Session Chair: Henrik Gråtrud

Tech Chair: Lindsay Schriftman

The development of jihadism in Jordan, 1994-2018

Henrik Gråtrud, *University of Oslo*

Preventing the next war crime: Sustainable peace and reconciliation in international and Islamic law

Kaleem Hussain, *University of Birmingham*

ROOM 3 [Sherman 2061]

Session Chair: Ismael Muvingi

Tech Chair: Elohor Aduomayebe

Exploring alternative approaches to peace: Traditions, beliefs, and memories in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Yvon Muya Cimanga, *Saint Paul University*

Revitalizing traditional African conflict resolution mechanisms: A platform for the enhancement of societal peaceful coexistence within traditional settings

G.H. Benson, *University of Education, Winneba-Ghana*

A.B. Hikah-Benson, *Atomic Commission Hospital, Accra-Ghana*

Reclaiming the indigenous and re-envisioning conflict resolution institutions; Dare adoption and adaptation in Zimbabwe

Ismael Muvingi, *Nova Southeastern University*

ROOM 4 [Sherman 3018]

Session Chair: Gordon Breedyk

Tech Chair: Tiara Lusk

Emerging trends in peace professionalism

Gordon Breedyk, *Civilian Peace Service Canada*
Philip Onguny, *Saint Paul University*;
Nathan Funk, *University of Waterloo*
Toni Evelyn Voigt, *Civilian Peace Service Canada*

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK B: Learning through Community and Justice

ROOM 1 [Sherman 1037]

Session Chair: Marc B. Kuly
Tech Chair: Kwasi Ansong

Expanding sites for peacebuilding: Decolonizing education and research to retrieve cultural and critical sources of knowledge

Anya Russian, *University of Manitoba*
Marc B. Kuly, *University of Winnipeg*
Heidi Lamb, *University of Manitoba*
Jennifer Tesoro, *University of Manitoba*

ROOM 2 [Sherman 1046]

Session and Tech Chair: Kira Nurieli

Circle practices/restorative conversations: A model for empathic listening and meaningful connection
Kira Nurieli, *Nova Southeastern University*

ROOM 3 [Sherman 2061]

Session Chair: Jeremy Rinker
Tech Chair: Tiara Lusk

The settler colonial imagination: Hindutva, neoliberal interests, and coming to grips with collective trauma and genocide in India and Kashmir
Jeremy Rinker, *The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

The M23's fights in the DRC: An iceberg's tip of an intended yet resolvable chaos
Naupess K. Kibiswa, *Université Catholique du Congo*

Tamil genocide a myth? Legitimacy of Tamil genocide claim
Stephaney A. Patrick, *University of Manitoba*

How not to go to war
Toni Evelyn Voigt, *Civilian Peace Service Canada*

ROOM 4 [Sherman 3018]

Session Chair: Laura Finley
Tech Chair: Elohor Aduomayebe

A white non-Jew studies the Jewban diaspora: Unpacking the narratives and the realities
Laura Finley, *Barry University*

Trauma, identity, and Vietnamese diaspora: Using the medicine wheel as a healing-focused conflict analysis framework

Ha B. Dong, *University of Manitoba*

What is peace for victims? Understanding the pitfall of liberal peacebuilding in the Chittagong Hill Tracts from below

Tareq Hossain Khan, *Education University of Hong Kong*

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK C: Tackling Safety and Justice in Community

ROOM 1 [Sherman 1037]

Session Chair: Noam Ebner

Tech Chair: Charlene Spence

Secondary Science: A Vehicle for Peace and Conflict Resolution Education

Pamela Riviere, *University of Toronto*

Broad-scale peace and conflict education: *Star Wars* and conflict resolution

Noam Ebner, *Creighton University*

ROOM 2 [Sherman 1046]

Session Chair: Lydie Belporo

Tech Chair: Jacqui Ennis

A Conflict Resolution Framework: The Philippines' Five-Decade Insurgency

Celeste Frank L. Sayson, *Armed Forces of the Phillipines*

Critical analysis of DDR program for the reintegration of former Boko Haram associates: Exploring the role of middle-range actors and tools

Lydie Belporo, *University of Montréal*

Us against when: Testing possibilities for domestic peacebuilding in the United States

Keil Eggers, *George Mason University*

ROOM 3 [Sherman 2061]

Session Chair: Michael Chadukiewicz

Tech Chair: Lindsay Schriftman

The escalating water disputes of central Asia: The view from Brussels

Alexandru Balas, *State University of New York - Cortland*

Mapuche women's cooperative and sustainable development

Peter Kent, *Nova Southeastern University*

Grassroots coalitions: Relationships, creativity, and conflict resolution

Michael Chadukiewicz, *Nova Southeastern University*

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ROOM 1 [Sherman 1034]

Session Chair: James Kewir Kiven

Tech Chair: Tiara Lusk

Building sustainable peace in Mali: A grassroots approach

James Kewir Kiven, *University of Buea, Cameroon, and African Leadership Centre*

ROOM 2 [Sherman 1037]

Session Chair: Salvin Paul

Tech Chair: Kwasi Ansong

An empirical survey of peacebuilding initiatives at the grassroots level: A study of women, youth, children and Asha workers in Sikkim

Salvin Paul, *Ambedkar University Delhi*

The role of NGO's in providing child protection and peacebuilding in Sikkim

Pem Uzeyla Bhutia, *Sikkim University*

Role of Asha workers in peacebuilding: A study of Dzongu

Norkey Khandu Lepcha, *Sikkim University*

Peacebuilding through women's participation in Panchayat: A study of Rinchenpong

Pinkit Lepcha, *Sikkim University*

The role of youth in peacebuilding: A study of voluntary services in Sikkim

Tshering Dadul Bhutia, *Sikkim University*

ROOM 3 [Sherman 1046]

Session Chair: Sean Byrne

Tech Chair: Lindsay Schriftman

City diplomacy in the eastern Mediterranean region: a comparative analysis

Nikos Lekakis, *University of Crete*

Mapping the landscape of urban peacebuilding

Ashton Rohmer, *George Mason University*

Arthur Romano, *George Mason University*

An urban perspective on the sustainability and peace link

Silvia Danielak, *Georgetown University*

Economic aid, peacebuilding, and reconciliation in Northern Ireland

Sean Byrne, *University of Manitoba*

Mehmet Yavuz, *University of Manitoba*

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK E: Living Together

ROOM 1 [Sherman 1034]

Session and Tech Chair: Adam R. Zemans

Building community climate change mobilization through the use of the war metaphor? Researching a grand strategy for climate change resilience: A presentation and facilitated discussion

Adam R. Zemans, *Nova Southeastern University*

ROOM 2 [Sherman 1037]

Session Chair: Alexia Georgakopoulos

Tech Chair: Elohor Aduomayebe

Domestic violence, substance abuse, and child abuse in humanistic child custody mediation

Toran Hansen, *Nova Southeastern University*

Alexia Georgakopoulos, *Nova Southeastern University*

Lizyvette Ramos, *Nova Southeastern University*

Reimagining host-migrant relationships and social cohesion in a post-COVID-19 South Africa

Dorcas Oyeibisi Ettang, *University of KwaZulu*

The deconversion as conflict hypothesis

Oakley Thomas Hill, *George Mason University*

Asymmetric conflict and symmetric crises: Exploring the womens' liberation movement in the Middle East

Navneet Samuel, *Aligarh Muslim University India*

ROOM 3 [Sherman 1046]

Session Chair: Adina Friedman

Tech Chair: Charlene Spence

Analysis of socio-technical controversies in two cases of socio-environmental conflicts in Peru as a requirement for the transformation of conflicts

Sandro Macassi, *Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Perú*

Reflecting on the utilization of national inquiry as peace infrastructure to address systemic conflict over customary forest: Comparative case studies of Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines

Atikah Nuraini, *Pannasastra University*

Building a climate for peace in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Adina Friedman, *George Mason University*

Institutional legacies of violent conflict

Unmana Sarangi, *Government of India*

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. SESSION BLOCK F: Choosing to Stay Together

ROOM 1 [Sherman 1034]

Session and Tech Chair: Ana Cynthia Saenz Jaimes

Peace Café

Ana Cynthia Saenz Jaimes, *Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace, Latin America Chapter*

ROOM 2 [Sherman 1037]

Session Chair: Mehmet Yavuz

Tech Chair: Kwasi Ansong

“Imagine being homophobic in 2022 in this economy?!”: Bosniak, Croat, and Serb perceptions of social justice

Mehmet Yavuz, *University of Manitoba*

Reconciling women, peace, security, and conflict transformation through conflict transformation education in Afghan refugee communities

Ava Strasser, *New York University*

Youth and conflict in Pakistan: Understanding causes and promoting peace

Irfan Khan, *University of Peshawar*

ROOM 3 [Sherman 1046]

Session Chair: Elena Bastidas

Tech Chair: Eden Scheider

The Valley of Longevity: Its History and Sustainable Livelihoods

Damaris Hall and Elena Bastidas, *Nova Southeastern University*

North-South Migration and Gentrification: Its Impact on Vilcabamba's Sustainability

Nykolus Alvut and Jennifer Lawer, *Nova Southeastern University*

Partnerships for Sustainability

Meghan Frank and Jennifer “Eden” Schneider, *Nova Southeastern University*

Participatory Action Research and Social Polygraphy: A Proposal for a Sustainable Community

Peter Kent and Andrew Duffy, *Nova Southeastern University*

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **WORKSHOP: Demystifying the publication process (Sherman 1034)**

Session Chair: Dr. Cheryl Duckworth, featuring panelists Dr. Robin Cooper, Dr. Mary Hope Schwoebel and Ms. Sarah Cisse, *Nova Southeastern University*

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