

The Peace Forum Workshops

And Still We Rise (conference center downstairs) 12-1PM

And still we rise productions is a collaboration of theater artists and social justice advocates working together with ex-prisoners and their loved ones to bring a powerful, articulate, personal voice of prison experience to the public. The performance is for the purpose of healing, education surrounding criminal justice reform, empowerment, and social change.

Peak Oil (conference center downstairs)9:30-11:30

Nancy Lee Wood

Examines the impact of the depletion of the world's oil reserves and its consequences for the world economy and population. This workshop will examine issues pertaining to peak oil and the effect on global peace to be followed by a movie.

Somalia past and present (dining room of Peace Abbey guesthouse)9:30-11:30

Samar Hassan

Focuses on the Somali civil war and how it brought political, economic and social struggle to the Somali people. The conflict has slowed down in recent years just to erupt again during early 2007. This workshop will discuss the political history of Somalia and Samar will share her personal story of how her family escaped from the civil war and managed to come to the United States.

GCC peace studies students speaking of peace (living room, Peace Abbey guesthouse)

Abbie Jenks

This interactive workshop is a facilitated "fishbowl" where students speak about why they have chosen to study peace at their local community college. Some questions that will be explored are: what motivated you to study peace and non-violence? What personal transformations have you experienced? What do you hope to do with the knowledge you have gained? Audience participations are encouraged.

The Role of Spirituality in Peace (meditation 2nd floor, conference center)

Eric Matez

With so many people believing differently, how can we come to agreement? Do we all need to believe in God? Can we leave God out of a discussion about peace? These and other questions will be discussed in this workshop.

Introduction to the Peace Abbey (peacemakers table conference center)

Dot Walsh

Many people come to the Peace Abbey to visit and have lots of questions. They range from peace and social justice to pacifism and animal rights. What do you mean by cruelty free living? what is an active pacifist? How do I begin to embrace a vegetarian lifestyle? What is inner and outer peace? How can I make a difference and contribute to a peaceful world? This workshop will introduce to new people and some of our frequent visitors, The Peace Abbey mission, projects, and vision as part of the presentation. There will be time to explore independently and followed by a circle discussion and ritual at the peacemakers table.

Limits of the Effectiveness and Integrity of the Left (Library Peace Abbey Guesthouse)

Gordie Fellman Brandeis University

Let's explore the self-defeating mechanisms by which the Democrats undercut their potential effectiveness in Congress and in the US altogether. What are the limiting assumptions behind their odd behavior since becoming the majority in Congress? What might the public do about these tragic limits we see daily in our elected representatives?

Faculty for Israeli Palestinian Peace (meditation room conference center 1st floor)

The FFIPP-USA is a non-profit organization of faculty, and students, dedicated to educate the academic community about the conflict in Palestine/Israel, about human rights and peace.

To fulfill this propose, FFIPP-USA is organizing the following activities:

1. Campus speaking tours for Palestinian and Israeli faculty and students in the US.
2. Educational tours to Palestine/Israel and Jordan for faculty, students and peace activists in the winter and summer break.
3. Internship program for human rights, peace and justice for university students in Palestine/Israel and Jordan in the winter and summer break.

In this workshop we will talk about these activities and focus on the internship program.