

Peace Works Conference 2008

October 17-19

The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA

"Dual Occupations: Sovereignty & Freedom from Iraq to Palestine"

Sponsored by The Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace & Justice and the (Re)Imagining the Middle East Program at the Evergreen State College

Friday, October 17th, the Longhouse Education and Cultural Center at Evergreen

Friday events are free to all Evergreen students, faculty, and staff.

11:30-12:30 pm: Conference Registration, Longhouse

Attendees are encouraged to get lunch at the Greenery or CAB on The Evergreen State College campus before the conference convenes. Coffee & Tea will be provided at the conference site.

12:30-12:45 pm: **Conference Welcome:** Craig & Cindy Corrie, Rachel Corrie Foundation and Laura Grabhorn of the Longhouse Educational and Cultural Center at Evergreen

12:45-2:00 pm: **Dual Occupations: US & Israeli and Occupation Strategies**
Dr. Therese Saliba - Moderator

Panelists: Phyllis Bennis, Institute of Policy Studies & Dr. Steve Niva, Professor of Middle East Studies

2:15-3:45 pm: **Personal Witness of Occupation: Views from the Ground**
Mea Moore –Moderator

Panelists:

Zorah Miller, Middle East photo-journalist;

Dahlia Wasfi M.D., Iraqi-American activist;

Haj Sami Sadiq Subaih, Palestinian Mayor from West Bank village of al-Aqabah;

Rawhieh el Subaih, Palestinian teacher from al-Aqabah

4-4:45 pm: **Sharing our own Stories:** Small group discussions

Facilitator: Dr. Therese Saliba, Professor of Third World Feminist & Middle East Studies

4:45-5:00 pm: Closing

Dinner: Suggested at range of downtown Olympia restaurants with local hosts.

7:30 pm: Keynote: The Presidential Elections & the Future of the Middle East

The Washington Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Washington St., SE in downtown Olympia

Host and Moderator: Dr. Steve Niva, Professor of Middle East Studies;

Slide images from Zorah Miller, award-winning photojournalist in Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, & the Gaza Strip.

A 5-year Retrospective: the Global Reach of the Rachel Corrie Foundation & Rachel's Story – Cindy & Craig Corrie

Keynote Address: Phyllis Bennis, the Institute for Policy Studies, “**The Presidential Elections & the Future of the Middle East**”

Roundtable discussion: Phyllis Bennis, Mayor Haj Sami Sadiq Subaih, Mayor of the West Bank village of al-Aqabah & Dahlia Wasfi M.D., Iraqi-American activist

Saturday, October 18th, The Evergreen State College

Longhouse, Lecture Hall 1, and workshop rooms

8:30-9:30 am: Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30-9:45 am: Conference Logistics for the day

9:45-11:15 am **Palestine/Israel: Barriers & Strategies for Peace & Justice**

David Hyde, Moderator

Panelists:

Dr. Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Palestinian Professor of Architecture & Sustainable Communities

Bill Dienst, M.D.: Emergency-room physician & Free Gaza boat passenger

Elik Elhanan: Israeli member of Bereaved Families Forum & Combatants for Peace

11:30 am-12:30 pm: **Next Steps for the Peace Movement & First Steps for New Activists:**

Networking Exercise: Facilitator: Dr. Lori Blewett, Professor of Intercultural Communication and Conflict Studies

12:30-1:30 pm: Lunch at the CAB and Greenery on campus

1:30-3:00 pm: **Women, War, and Occupation**

Dr. Savvina Chowdhury, Moderator

Panelists:

Dr. Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Palestinian Professor of Architecture & Sustainable Communities

Dr. Simona Sharoni, Israeli Scholar, Researcher, and Professor of Women's Studies

Dahlia Wasfi, M.D., Iraqi-American Activist

3:15-4:45pm: **Workshops Session 1**

- **Art & Activism** – Dr. Susan Greene & Jen Marlowe
- **How the Peace Movement and Military Community Can Work Together** - Tracy Manzel and Dr. Zoltan Grossman
- **Social Justice and Human Rights Education: Palestine is still the issue**
 - Melissa Saul
 - Dr. Rula Awwad-Rafferty
 - Mea Moore
- **Solidarity & Anti-oppression work** – Dr. Simona Sharoni
- **The Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions Campaign** - Phyllis Bennis
- **The Free Gaza Campaign** – Bill Dienst, M.D.
- **Working with Faith Communities** – Dr. Muhammed Ayub, Warren Guykema, Susan Rosen, Mustafa Mohamedali and others

- **Media Activism: Images Against Injustice – Using Imagination & Digital Resources to Affect and Inspire Change** - Zoriah Miller

5-6:00 pm: **Sharing Strategies: Workshop Report Back**

6:00-8:00 pm: Dinner: Suggested at range of downtown Olympia restaurants with local hosts.

8:00 pm: **Film screening of “Slingshot Hip Hop” with spoken word and DJ Dalya, dance party** to follow, **Cherry Loft (old K records hall) in downtown Olympia at corner of Legion & Cherry**

Sunday, October 19th, the Longhouse Education and Cultural Center at Evergreen

8:30-9:00 am: Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15am: Conference Logistics for the day

9:15-10:30 am: **Military Resistance: Iraq Veterans Against the War & Combatants for Peace**
Moderator: Dr. Zoltan Grossman

Panelists:

Seth Manzel - G.I. Voice & Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW)

Josh Simpson - G.I. Voice & Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW)

Elik Elhanan - Israeli member of Combatants for Peace

10:45 am-12:00 pm: **Workshop Session 2**

Repeat and extension of some of Saturday’s workshops and addition of the following:

- **Art & Activism and the Olympia-Rafah Mural Project:** Presenters: Susan Greene and Jen Marlowe
- **GI Voice and Iraq Vets Against War – Local Strategies for Military Organizing & Alliance-Building** - Tracy and Seth Menzel, Josh Simpson, Zoltan Grossman
- **Working for Peace and Equality in Palestine and Israel: A networking session – Tools for becoming involved with peace with justice initiatives in Israel/Palestine** - Dr. Melissa Saul, Dr. Rula Awwad-Rafferty, Mea Moore

12-12:30 pm: Conference closure - **Where do we go from here?**

1-3:00 pm: **Olympia-Rafah Mural Celebration** – downtown Olympia at Capitol & State;

Conference & Community Group photo for Rafah: food, music, painting on mural tiles.

Conference Ends