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# Annual Report 2014-2015

## Student Chapters

Below you will find a full report on the Student Chapters. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at [Natia.Bueno@panys.org](mailto:Natia.Bueno@panys.org) (or [Natia.bueno@outlook.com](mailto:Natia.bueno@outlook.com))

\*Note\* A year is measured from the beginning to the end of the School Year, End of August 2014-Mid May 2015



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## Two of our chapters won awards this year!!

**Binghamton:** Outstanding Student Organization of the year award!

**Albany:** Rookie of the Year Award!

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### **QUICK SUMMARY**

1. **Albany: Established On Campus: Received an Award**  
**Will be continuing in the Fall of 2015 with a New Organizer**
2. **Binghamton: Established on Campus: Received an Award**  
**Will be continuing in the Fall of 2015 with a New Organizer**
3. **Geneseo: Established on Campus**  
**Will be continuing in the Fall of 2015 with a New Organizer**
4. **Manhattan College: Established on Campus**  
**Will be continuing in the Fall of 2015 with the Same Organizer**
5. **Hobart and William Smith: Established on Campus**  
**Will be continuing in the Fall of 2015 with a New Organizer**
6. **Syracuse: Established on Campus**  
**On the Hunt for a New Organizer!**
7. **Skidmore:**  
**Will NOT be continuing in the Fall of 2015, working on getting a New Organizer**
8. **Union college:**  
**Will NOT be continuing in the Fall of 2015, working on getting a New Organizer**
9. **Canisius:**  
**Will NOT be continuing in the Fall of 2015, issues arose**
10. **StonyBrook:**  
**Will be re-started in the Fall of 2015 with a New Organizer**
11. **New Paltz: NEW**  
**New Organizer, Starting Fall 2015**
12. **Baruch: NEW**  
**New Organizer, Starting Fall 2015**



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### Albany University - Fall 2014

#### UAlbany Peace Action Final Report

**Student Organizers: Jonathan Maruthelil & Sammy Abdelaziz**

This semester UAlbany Peace Action had a lot of success in creating events, planning future events, and getting annual events in place. With new members this semester and the help of other organizations such as NRG and the USCIR, we feel UAlbany Peace action has accomplished a lot. UAlbany Peace Action is also now an accredited organization; students can earn up to 3 credits by being involved and following the community service hours. We made good relations with Sheri Stevens (the head of the accrediting association) and for future Peace Action interns we created an event calendar and community service hour worksheet and schedule for those who wish to apply for the credits. UAlbany Peace action has just also opened up another E-Board position as Public Relations coordinator to have someone manage advertising better. We deleted our previous discussion page on facebook and created a new one. The reason we deleted our discussion page was because of the active and inactive members on it. Our posts seemed to reach people we did not know from previous Peace Action years and not our members here in Albany, We wanted a way to address all of our members directly and create an environment for them to post too. The previous discussion page had a lot of followers and likes, but acted as a ghost town where people would only read what was posted, not respond, nor be active. By removing the discussion page and creating a new one, we were able to get a fresh start with our new members who were participating with UAPA. To have someone manage this page and be able to get people involved with it is another reason for the PR coordinator.

-Meetings this semester took place in the Education building basement 021 every Monday at 7:30pm

-E-Board meetings were bi-weekly and took place on Tuesdays at 5:45pm in the commuter lounge of the campus center.

#### Active Members:

##### *E-Board*

President: Sammy Abdelaziz; [sabdelaziz@albany.edu](mailto:sabdelaziz@albany.edu) Senior

Vice President: Kevin Mercado; [kmercado@albany.edu](mailto:kmercado@albany.edu) Junior

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### **Past Events this Semester:**

- Block Party (Sept. 7th); Campus wide event held on the podium, A head count is not possible but over 51 people had signed up for UAPA at this event. 5 UAPA members
- Climate Change March in NYC (Sept. 21st); International event held in NYC. Millions of people were involved. 3 UAPA members
- NRG Home Solar Energy (Oct. 20th); Event advocating going green and switching to solar energy. Over 45 people came to the event. 7 UAPA members
- Ronald McDonald House (Oct. 26th); 5 members attended. They cooked breakfast sponsored by McDonalds for needy children and people. Over 30 people involved← Not all for UAPA
- Festival of Nations (Oct. 26th); created a festival for the refugees from USCIR since USCIR no longer held the festival for them. 9 UAPA members. Over 25 people attended
- NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps (Dec. 1st); 3 UAPA members involved. The event was an informational through the Red Cross showing people how to prepare for emergencies. 11 people attended

### **Events specifically for community service hours and members:**

- Refugee College Planning (ongoing/monthly); 7 members involved including other student groups such as AMP (Albany Mentors Program)
- Refugee set up a house (ongoing/biweekly) Each housing set up requires only 3 members at a time
- Refugee Food pick up (ongoing/biweekly) Each food pick up requires only 2 members at a time.

### **Future Events for next semester:**

- War Isn't Green on Earth Day (Major Event- expectations to collaborate with fellow Peace Action clubs and members.)
- Vidike Talent Show (Major upcoming event- expectations to collaborate with a multitude of organizations across campus.)
- United Nations trip
- All refugee events (continued)

### **Annual Events:**

- Student rights on campus (Show students their rights living in college dorms and apartments, showed great success in previous years following police brutality accusations)
- Fly kites Not Drones (Expectations to make UA Peace Action the leading organization for this event)
- USCIR Events (Future Peace Action members should keep this contact. The USCIR was very supportive of UAlbany Peace Action and seemed to have a lot of work that could potentially be done. It worked well to make up for events that did not happen as planned)
- PANYS Conference

### **Tips:**

- Make reservations for tabling and classrooms early in the semester
- Utilize campus wide events such as the Block party, relay for life, Etc.
- Tabling and fliers are good and all, but informationals, parties, and meetings get people to go to events.



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- Network: Getting in contact with other organizations and groups, will lead to higher turnout at events and increased opportunities for everyone involved.
- Make sure for the President and Treasurer to both take their Treasurer exam early in the semester to avoid conflicts with budgets.
- Having members attend E-Board Meetings has shown to be quite successful, and is great way to generate interest in getting involved with the group
- With the new constitution if UAlbany Peace Action wishes to structure itself differently it can. We changed the way our meetings, events, and constitution was written to help with potential success. We also emphasize in the constitution community service, and our obligations as members to be model citizens in our community and schools.

### Challenges:

- Weather: As the climate got colder, it became harder and harder not only to get members to table and promote events, but also for members to come to specific events; more close to finals.
- Advertisement: It was not hard setting up days to table or post fliers, but the fliers and tabling getting people to come to events was an issue at hand. Although we typically had good turn out, it might be wise to look into alternative ways to grab student's attention. Also, someone who can manage our Facebook page and twitter. (PR coordinator)
- It is hard to predict what problems the world will face and what events to correspond with; we thought to counter this we would have annual events, so not only will there always be events but also that they would work with everyday problems.
- Members: At the beginning of the semester we started with 7 members and later moved up to 15. After a few months it dropped down to 11. Still above our initial, but would be nice to get more members involved as some are graduating this year.
- Certain things can be costly, like setting up rooms and or getting equipment for specific events. This is a reason it is very important to set up the budget early in the semester.

### Achievements:

*This semester thanks to the interns and fellow E-Board members-*

- UA Peace Action has appeared in the school newspaper
- UA Peace Action is now considered a community service organization on campus.
- UA Peace Action has developed a structured and organized constitution, event calendar, and community service planner.
- UA Peace Action now needs and has found a need for an extra, possibly two new e-board positions.
- UA Peace Action has found opportunities for students through networking with other organizations (Internships with USCIR, Non-Violence, etc.)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UAlbanyPeaceAction>; 180 Likes

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UAPeaceAction>; 32 Followers

**To follow is an example of their minutes/newsletter from the fall semester. This should give you an idea of how their meetings were run. For more information, contact [Natia.Bueno@panys.org](mailto:Natia.Bueno@panys.org)**



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# University at Albany Peace Action

## Announcements

- Mark your calendars for the Festival of Nations! Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> at Empire Plaza from 11:30 am to 5 pm. Cultural performances, food, crafts, and more!
- Job opportunity at Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus. Part-time teacher needed for after-school program. Approx. 3 weekdays each week from 3 to 6:30 pm. \$9/hr, opportunity for growth after assesment. Contact Rifat Filkins at [riss@albany.twcbc.com](mailto:riss@albany.twcbc.com) or (518)-621-1041.
- Long-term volunteer opportunity at the South Asian Resource Center. Volunteer with strong organizational and computer skills needed to help this young non-profit. Contact Nadeem or Sadaf Sadiq at (518)-813-8516.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### *US Committee for Refugees & Immigrants*

- Apartment Shopping & Supply Drop-off. Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 am. 1-2 volunteers needed!
- Home Set-up. Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. 2 volunteers needed!
- Be sure to fill out the USCRI Volunteer Form!
- Contact Housing Intern Lucas or Case Manager Zaw Min at (516)-459-190 or [Hall@union.edu](mailto:Hall@union.edu) or [ZMin@uscri-albany.org](mailto:ZMin@uscri-albany.org)

### *Ronald McDonald House*

- Breakfast Cookout for 20 ill children and their parents living in poverty. Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 to 10

## Today's Goals!

### *NRG Get With The Solar – Monday October 20<sup>th</sup>*

- Finish flier to be sent out to student orgs & adult chapters
- Email flier to [kristopher.wilson@roo.fdiagnostics.com](mailto:kristopher.wilson@roo.fdiagnostics.com)

### *Refugee Pathways to College*

- Create flier & sign-up sheet to be distributed at refugee offices
- Research scholarships available for refugees & immigrants
- Research admission requirement specifics for each school
- Email each schools' international admissions officer
- Begin creating General Undergraduate Info powerpoint





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### Albany University – Spring 2015

#### **UAlbany Peace Action Final Report**

This semester was probably one of UAPAs best semesters so far. UAPA created multiple connections with numerous organizations including both community service and performance organizations. We kept our promise to the Sheri Stevens, the community service chair and have made a reputation for UAPA. We have taken our constitution and our event calendar up for reform and helped for potential members to have a foundation instead of going into the semester blindly. UAlbany Peace action has just also opened up another E-Board position as Public Relations coordinator to have someone manage advertising better, this has made success with our facebook and twitter pages. We also carefully chose our new treasurer, who has since balanced our budget quite well and plans to take up our budget the following semesters. UAPA has received an award from the Student Association for its outstanding efforts and has been written about numerous times. We made concrete events that had great turn out, making more annual events and potential reform of other events. Our membership has increased, and keeps increasing as events pop up throughout the semester. UAPA is now looked at on the University at Albany as “the peace organization” and gets asked by numerous groups promoting peace for collaboration: making event planning a lot easier. UAPA has also thrown amazing parties for its members, increasing member happiness and allowing more members to join - even if it was for the pizza. UAPA has established a great reputation, and since has seen more turn out. Although less events were done than last year, each event had a lot more turn out, and was a lot more organized than last year. Each year, UAPA has increased in membership, reputation, and effectiveness when reaching the community.

-Meetings this semester took place in the Education building basement 021 every Wednesday at 7:30pm

-E-Board meetings were weekly and took place on Wednesday at 6:15 in the commuter lounge of the campus center.

#### **Active Members:**

##### *E-Board*

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Vice President: Kevin Mercado; [kmercado@albany.edu](mailto:kmercado@albany.edu) Junior  
Secretary: Jonathan Maruthelil; [jmaruthelil@albany.edu](mailto:jmaruthelil@albany.edu) Senior  
Treasurer: Michelle DeOcampo; [mdeocampo@albany.edu](mailto:mdeocampo@albany.edu) Junior

#### **Weekly members**

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Other members did not participate as much

### **Past Events this Semester:**

- Block Party (February 12th); Campus wide event held on the podium, A head count is not possible, 21 people signed up. 6 UAPA members. This event usually leads to new members joining UAPA.
- USCIR college presentation (March 24th): Presentation at the USCIR explaining potential opportunities for refugees in the United States. A lot of local participation, 11 UAPA members
- USCIR food pick up and house set up (Ongoing). These are either weekly or biweekly, only takes about 2 members per trip.
- Peace and Planet march in NYC (April 26th); International event held in NYC. Millions of people were involved. 0 UAPA members
- Liberation through art, a fundraiser through vedike (April 25th): Talent show fundraiser to help raise money for a children's school in India. Raised over \$500. Over 40 people attended - 9 UAPA members
- War isn't green (April 23th); Educational talking about the dangers of war on the environment and wildlife - 3 UAPA members - 9 people attended
- Fly Kites not drones (May 3rd) flew kites in the middle of collins circle promoting less drone usage. 6 UAPA members- 11 people attended

### **Events specifically for community service hours and members:**

- Refugee College Planning (ongoing/monthly); Amazing turnout and very appreciated by USCIR
- Refugee set up a house (ongoing/biweekly) Each housing set up requires only 3 members at a time
- Refugee Food pick up (ongoing/biweekly) Each food pick up requires only 2 members at a time.
- Talent show: non-members showed up just to try to get some hours towards their community service.

### **Future Events for next semester:**

Talent Show (Needs reform, but was very successful)

-United Nations trip

-All refugee events: Educational, but looking for other events as well. Refugee day picnic potentially (continued)

-Fly Kites not drones

-Usually we figure out new events with new members coming in, we noticed by appealing to their event desires, we get more turn out.

### **Annual Events:**

-Student rights on campus (Still successful, but needs some reform as police brutality was an issue in previous years and not in 2015)

-Fly kites Not Drones (Expectations to make UA Peace Action the leading organization for this event, was very successful both years, and tons of fun!)

-USCIR Events (Literally, our events with USCIR led to both a newspaper article and a journal article written about it. Our members increased by 10 only from advertising this event. We will be doing more with USCIR in



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the future, as we will work with them every semester)

-Talent show fundraiser (Very successful and good collaboration with numerous organizations: Amnesty International, ATV, Pitch Please, Golden Chords, Salsa club, Sketchy characters, etc.) Might want to consider a more local instead of international charity to increase local Albany participation instead of just campus.

-PANYS Conference

### Tips:

- Make reservations for tabling and classrooms early in the semester

- Utilize campus wide events such as the Block party, relay for life, Etc.

- Tabling and fliers and informationals are good, but pizza and parties at the meetings get people to go to events. Plus, finding out what people are interested in also helped a lot.

- Network: Getting in contact with other organizations and groups, will lead to higher turnout at events and increased opportunities for everyone involved. Our work with Amnesty and ATV made the events they also participated in have more turnout: collaboration helps a lot.

-Make sure for the President and Treasurer to both take their Treasurer exam early in the semester to avoid conflicts with budgets. Both need to pass, president more than treasurer ← Very important

-Having members attend E-Board Meetings has shown to be quite successful, and is great way to generate interest in getting involved with the group. Also, the idea of e-board, internships, and other opportunities really got people more involved. Do not hold elections early in the semester, rather wait until the end.

- We changed the way our meetings, events, and constitution was written to help with potential success. We also emphasize in the constitution community service, and our obligations as members to be model citizens in our community and schools. During the meetings, there needs to be a mediator and a scribe which worked well with the two interns. Having agendas also made it easy to address going on tangents.

- Book the classroom in which the meetings will be held well in advance, and choose an accessible location. After doing so, keep the receipt, sometimes people claim to have the same room.

### Challenges:

-Weather: Albany has problems; it was a very very cold winter. And although we did stand out in the cold to prevent event failures, our exposure was small. Also, members took less initiative as the weather stayed cold, forcing e-board to take on all the weight of advertisement.

-Advertisement: Although we typically had good turnout, with around 30 people for certain events, we are still working on getting Peace Action known throughout campus to increase student participation. This year we dramatically increased the amount of tabling per event and fliers posted on campus, but still are looking for alternatives as we are looking for massive turnout.

-Members: Members come and go very easily, What we noticed is that certain members will stay only for a specific event, following that event they leave. We are trying to figure better ways to keep members interested: weekly meetings seemed difficult for students who had work and other things scheduled.

-Expenses: Due to our budget increase we were able to accomplish quite a lot and pay for it. We had major successes in our events and was able to have pizza for our members during meetings. But, we ended up going over our budget slightly, which can potentially have our budget frozen. To counter this, we got an business and accounting major as our new treasurer.



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### **Achievements:**

*This semester thanks to the interns and fellow E-Board members-*

- UA Peace Action has appeared in the school newspaper twice, plus a journal article about our work with refugees
- UA Peace Action has appeared on Albany Student Television broadcasting live our Vedike event
- UA Peace Action has received an award for its outstanding effort: Rookie of the year Award
- UA Peace Action has pulled up our constitution and once again, has developed changes
- UA Peace Action has increased its E-board including a Public relations chair.
- UA Peace Action has gone from a budget of \$250, to over \$1,300.
- UA Peace Action has found opportunities for students through networking with other organizations (Internships with USCIR, Non-Violence, etc.)
- UA Peace Action has established connections with numerous other organizations across campus (Amnesty International, Albany Student Television, College Democrats & Young Americans for Liberty)
- UA Peace Action now has a good list of events we do every semester: making event planning for other events a lot easier as we can advertise with our annual events during the mean time.

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UA Peace Action Interns:

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New E-board members

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**To follow is an example of the minutes from the spring semester. This should give you an idea of how their meetings were run. For more information, contact [Natia.Bueno@panys.org](mailto:Natia.Bueno@panys.org)**

### Minutes- UA Peace Action

#### Week of 2/9/15

- E-board Meeting: (held on Friday 2-6-15)
- General Interest Meeting held on 2-11-15
  - At least 4 new interested students attend the meeting. Introductions are made, and plans for the semester were discussed. Details about upcoming events and the upcoming E-board elections were especially discussed
  - Pizza!

#### Week of 2/15/15

- E-board Meeting: (held on Monday 2-16-15)
  - Priorities were set for the semester. UA Peace Action will focus on the Vedike Performance Show and Refugee College Pathways Program
  - There was also discussion on how to include other important events into the schedule, such as the “TV Show” and Annual “Fly Kites not Drones”
- Weekly Meeting: held on 2-18-15
  - First Regular Meeting of the Semester
    - Club was divided into two different group
      - One group is the Vedike Performance show, this group initially set priorities for the show. The group will need to re-contact all the interested groups and students through email, and also promote the show through social media and on-campus flyers.
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> group is the Refugee College Pathways Program the group will need to focus on recruiting volunteers for the program while the date is being finalized. The event will assist local refugees interested in attending college by educating and assisting in the process of applying for college.
- Tabling Event: 2-20-15
  - Raised funds for Vedike by selling old jewelry, was successful as the tabling event raised \$34.

Vedike Performance Show: Tentatively April 15<sup>th</sup>

College Pathways: TBD



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- August 30th** - University Fest Tabling  
11AM-3PM, Harpur Quad
- September 4th** - Multicultural Resource Center's Culture Fest Tabling  
1PM-5PM, Mandela Room
- September 11th** - General Interest Meeting  
7:15PM-7:45PM, University Union Room 124
- September 18th** - Israel/Palestine Conflict Discussion  
7:30PM-8PM, Fine Arts Room 242
- October 2nd** - Ukraine/Russia Conflict Discussion  
7:30PM-8:15PM, Fine Arts Room 242
- October 3rd** - Pumpkins for Peace Fundraiser  
12PM-3:30PM, University Union West Patio
- October 9th** - Co-sponsored event with NAACP-BU on Police Militarization  
7:30PM-8:10PM, Fine Arts Room 242
- October 16th** - Pumpkins for Peace Fundraiser #2  
12PM-3:30PM, University Union West Patio
- October 17th** - Supported play "My Name is Rachel Corrie" co-sponsored by many groups  
7PM-8:30PM, Centenary-Chenango Street United Methodist Church
- October 23rd** - Meeting on elections and the effects of media on perception of world events  
7:30PM-8:30PM, Fine Arts Room 242
- October 30th** - Co-sponsored event with THINK - Media, Propaganda, and Current events in North Korea  
7PM-8PM, Fine Arts Room 242
- November 6th** - Co-sponsored event with IDEAs for the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict  
7:30PM-8:20PM, Fine Arts Room 242
- November 8th** - Co-sponsored 26th Annual Central New York Peace Studies Conference with the Peace Consortium, Binghamton Speech & Debate Team, and JUMP Nation  
12PM-8PM, University Union West Rooms 324 & 325
- November 18th** - Bake Sale Fundraiser  
12PM-4PM, University Union Marketplace
- November 19th** - Multicultural Resource Center's Global Service Fair Tabling  
12PM-3PM, Old Union Hall
- November 20th** - Co-sponsored Just Food Rally with IDEAs, Democracy Matters, College Democrats, NYPIRG  
11AM-3PM, Flag Room in Bartle Library
- December 4th** - Co-sponsored Assembly for Eric Garner Protest with 22 other student groups  
5PM-7PM, Campus



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**December 4th** - Discussion on Conflict Resolution, E-board Elections  
7:30PM-8:30PM, Fine Arts Room 242

### Peace Action Binghamton University Events - Fall 2014

#### Event: **University Fest Tabling**

Date: August 30, 2014

Time/Location: 11:00AM-3PM, Harpur Quad

What: Peace Action Binghamton University tabled as one of the 200 student organizations that participated in University Fest. Students that visited the PABU table were briefly introduced to e-board members and given a summary about the group's goals and activities. The PABU table included sign-ups for our list-serv, petitions for the Peace Studies Minor, pamphlets about Peace Action New York State, as well as snacks and our banner. Peace Action BU business cards were also handed out.

Who: About 200 student organizations participated in University Fest. Many students participated in the event. PABU e-board members were able to meet with members of other groups in order to discuss possible collaborations for future events this semester. 78 students signed up for our e-mailing list.

#### Event: **Multicultural Resource Center's Culture Fest**

Date: September 4, 2014

Time/Location: 1:00PM-5:00PM, Mandela Room

What: Peace Action BU tabled as one of the 30 student organizations that participated in the University Fest. Students that visited our table were given information about the group and about 15 people signed up for our list-serv. The PABU table included a poster board about the organization and handouts.

Who: During the event, we were able to reach out to other student organizations to arrange collaborations on future events. 30 student organizations participated in the Culture Fest and many students participated in the event.

#### Event: **General Interest Meeting**

Date: September 11, 2014

Time/Location: 7:15PM-7:45PM, University Union Room 124

What: The meeting was opened with an introduction of all e-board members, followed by an icebreaker by everyone present. The icebreaker was: what country in the world would you want to visit and why, as well as a brief introduction of each person. After this, a slideshow about PABU was presented. This included an overview of the club and semester goals. Students were asked which events they would like to see this semester. An update about upcoming events was also given.

Who: 15 people were present, including e-board members. The new members were added to the list-serv and given business cards about our social media pages.

#### Event: **Discussion on Israel/Palestine Conflict**

Date: September 18, 2014

Time/Location: 7:30PM-8:00PM, Fine Arts Room 242





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What: A presentation on the Israel/Palestine conflict was given. This covered the history of the conflict, the development of the Israeli state, and the current conflict. There was then an open discussion on the topic and students were asked: can there be a solution to the conflict through peaceful means? And how should the land be divided and is there a solution that can please both sides?

Who: 16 members attended the event.

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### Event: **Discussion on Ukraine/Russia Conflict**

Date: October 2, 2014

Time/Location: 7:30PM-8:15PM, Fine Arts Room 242

What: A presentation on the Ukraine/Russia conflict was given. This covered the history and current situation of the conflict. It was followed by an open discussion and students were asked: can Ukraine and Russia come to a compromise peacefully? And what is the future of Ukraine and its relationship with Russia and the EU?

Who: 13 members were present.

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### Event: **Pumpkins for Peace Fundraiser**

Date: October 3, 2014

Time/Location: 12:00PM-3:30PM, University Union West Patio

What: PABU tabled outside the University Union selling pumpkins for \$1 each. Students also had the opportunity to paint the pumpkins. Students who came to the table were also given a brief overview about Peace Action and some joined our listserv. 25 pumpkins were sold. This fundraiser was in honor of the International Day of Peace.

Who: 25 students bought pumpkins and many others stopped by the table to learn about PABU.

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### Event: **Co-sponsored event with NAACP BU on Police Militarization**

Date: October 9, 2014

Time/Location: 7:30PM-8:10PM, Fine Arts Room 242

What: PABU and NAACP BU co-sponsored this event on the topic of police militarization and brutality. The meeting started with an introduction of everyone present. A presentation on what police militarization is, how it is increasing, and the problems associated with it was given, using many examples and cases, such as that of the recent Ferguson controversy. The president of NAACP BU also brought up a few conflicts and examples. This was followed by an open discussion by all members on the future of the police force, the Constitution, and human rights.

Who: 17 students were present.

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### Event: **Pumpkins for Peace Fundraiser #2**

Date: October 16, 2014

Time/Location: 12:00PM-3:30PM, University Union West Patio

What: PABU tabled outside the University Union selling pumpkins for \$1 each. Students also had the opportunity to paint the pumpkins. Students who came to the table were given a brief overview about Peace Action and some joined our listserv. 11 pumpkins were sold. This fundraiser was in honor of the International Day of Peace.

Who: 11 students bought pumpkins and many others stopped by the table to learn about PABU.





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### **Event: My Name is Rachel Corrie**

**Date:** October 17, 2014

**Time/Location:** 7:00PM-8:30PM, Centenary-Chenango Street United Methodist Church

**What:** Binghamton University Students for Justice in Palestine sponsored the play “My Name is Rachel Corrie,” about the famous Rachel Corrie and her experiences in the Middle East. This was followed by a discussion about the ongoing conflict in Israel/Palestine. Although PABU did not officially co-sponsor this event, we were put on the flyer as supporters and a short summary about our group and its mission was mentioned at the play. The event was also supported by Broome County Peace Action, Broome County Veterans for Peace, Centenary-Chenango Street United Methodist Church, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton Social Justice Committee, and United Methodist Palestine-Israel Task Force-(Upper New York).

**Who:** There were about 50 audience members.

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### **Event: Meeting about Elections and the effects of Media on perception of global events**

**Date:** October 23, 2014

**Time/Location:** 7:30PM-8:30PM, Fine Arts Room 242

**What:** Our Secretary, Nick Doran is the “Vote Everywhere Ambassador” for the Center of Civic Engagements on campus. We opened the meeting with Nick giving a quick intro on some of the local candidates running and the proposals that are on the ballot this election year. This was then followed by a viewing of a documentary “The Islamist State” about ISIS from a journalist’s point of view. We then had a discussion about the media and how most people only know about the things seen in the media, but that this particular journalist covered many more things people never knew about ISIS.

**Who:** 13 students attended this meeting.

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### **Event: Media, Propaganda, and Current Events in North Korea**

**Date:** October 30, 2014

**Time/Location:** 7:00PM-8:00PM, Fine Arts room 242

**What:** PABU co-sponsored this event with THINK (Tomorrow's Hope in North Korea), Binghamton University's chapter of LINK. The event focused on both the use of media and propaganda (and how it influences peoples' perception of world events), as well as current events in North Korea. We spoke about how media and propaganda influences people and then used recent events in North Korea as an example (North Korean citizens' fear/borderline worship of government officials, monuments of government officials, North Korean men and women only being allowed to have certain haircuts, legends about North Korean leaders, the state-run newspaper, etc.) We then tied that into other human rights issues in North Korea and changes that needed to be made. This was then followed by an open discussion by everyone present.

**Who:** 20 students attended this meeting.

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### **Event: International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed**

**Date:** November 6, 2014

**Time/Location:** 7:30PM-8:20PM, Fine Arts room 242

**What:** PABU co-sponsored an event with IDEAS. PABU members first gave a presentation on how war effects the environment, with many different pictures and examples. IDEAS e-board members then gave a presentation



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with further examples, focusing on different chemicals and the damage they cause, and statistics from the National Priorities Project. We then watched a short documentary video on the war on cocaine and exploitation and how it has affected land and water shortages, as well as the use of herbicides in Colombia by the U.S. Military. This was then followed by an open discussion, which also led to the topic of Monsanto.

Who: 17 students attended this meeting.

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### Event: **26th Annual Central New York Peace Studies Conference**

Date: November 8, 2014

Time/Location: 12PM-8PM, University Union West rooms 324 & 325

What: Peace Action BU, Binghamton Speech & Debate Team, and Binghamton JUMP Nation co-hosted the 26th Annual Central New York Peace Studies Conference as part of the Peace Consortium. The conference started at 12:00PM, with a welcome address from Mahvish Hoda about Peace Action and Anna Pinchuk about the Speech and Debate Team. This was then followed by members of JUMP Nation speaking on the topic of “student approaches to peace.” After this, various topics were covered in 3 panels: International and Academic Approaches to Realizing Peace, Resisting Federal Surveillance, and Theorizing Peace and Sovereignty from the Streets. The first panel covered the topics of deliberation and racial justice, the search for truth and justice in post-genocide Rwanda, peace education and childhood, and diversity in education.

The second panel covered the case of Leslie James Pickering and the Earth Liberation Front Press. And the last panel covered the topics of ableism and anthropocentrism, and privacy. Various speakers spoke on each topic. This was then followed by the screening of the film “Reject,” as well as a public debate on reform vs.

revolution. The Facebook event page link is: <https://www.facebook.com/events/276727452507038/> and the link for the article in the Pipe Dream (Binghamton University’s school newspaper) is

<http://www.bupipedream.com/news/42905/binghamton-university-hosts-reinvented-peace-conference/>

Who: A total of 60 people attended at least one section of the conference.

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### Event: **Peace Action BU Bake Sale Fundraiser**

Date: November 18, 2014

Time/Location: 12PM-4PM, University Union Marketplace

What: PABU tabled in the University Union Marketplace from 12-4PM. We sold cookies for one dollar each and fundraised 24 dollars. Students who stopped by our table were also given a brief overview of our mission and goals.

Who: 24 students stopped at our table and purchased cookies. Many other students stopped by our table for information as well.

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### Event: **Global Service Fair**

Date: November 19, 2014

Time/Location: 12PM-3PM, University Union Mandela Room

What: PABU tabled at the Global Service Fair, which was hosted by Binghamton University’s Multicultural Resource Center. About ten different groups tabled at the event. The PABU table included an informational billboard which had statistics about military spending, etc. We also had a pamphlet about Peace Action, our goals, mission, and events we have had on campus. Those who visited our table were given information about our group and were added to our e-mailing list.



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Who: Ten campus groups tabled at the Global Service Fair and many students attended the event

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### Event: **Just Food Rally**

Date: November 20, 2014

Time/Location: 11AM-3PM, Room in Bartle Library

What: The Just Food Rally was co-sponsored by PABU, IDEAS, Democracy Matters, College Democrats, and NYPIRG. The rally included petitioning for the Real Food Challenge and the NY statewide mandatory labeling of GMOs. The 4 goals are to: support NY, be ethical, be healthy, and be sustainable. The campus food contract at Binghamton University went up and students are advocating for change and to choose how Sodexo makes purchases affecting the environment, workers, and broader politics. SUNY Binghamton can invest more of its dining budget in vendors that are community/locally-based, ecologically sound, fair, and humane.

Who: The event was co-sponsored by 5 groups and about 60 students attended throughout the duration

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### Event: **Assembly for Eric Garner**

Date: December 4, 2014

Time/Location: 5:00PM-7:00PM, Campus

What: PABU co-sponsored this event with 22 other student groups including: Binghamton Speech and Debate Team, The Black Student Union at Binghamton University, Black Student Union at SUNY Broome – BSU, Omega Phi Beta, Critical Animal Studies North America, Men of Color Scholastic Society, Iota Nu Delta, Graduate African Student Organization, Juvenile Urban Multicultural Program, Charles Drew Minority Pre-Health Organization, Phi Beta Sigma, Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Caribbean Student Association, P.U.L.S.E. (Powerful United Ladies Striving to Elevate), Lambda Sigma Upsilon, College Democrats, Latino Greek Council, Binghamton Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Women Student Union, Malik Fraternity, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and X Fact'r Step Team. The event began with members of the Speech and Debate team giving a brief introduction of recent events regarding the Eric Garner and Michael Brown cases, as well as other instances of police brutality in general. This was then followed by students proceeding to protest around the entire campus, including the food court, library, and streets. Many of us held signs and posters and about 5 news channels were present. We also did a 4:30 minute long moment of silence and a 4:30 minute die-in, for the 4 and a half hours that Michael Brown's body lay in the street. The protest process was similar to that of the Eric Garner and Michael Brown protests occurring all over the nation. The media coverage for the event can be viewed at:

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/1519339795001321/>
- <http://www.wicz.com/news2005/viewarticle.asp?a=35996>
- <http://wskgnews.org/post/binghamton-university-students-protest-police-brutality>
- <http://binghamton.twcnews.com/content/news/790378/binghamton-university-members-rally-against-garner-decision/>
- <http://www.bupipedream.com/news/45123/demonstators-march-to-fight-racism-at-binghamton-university-and-beyond/>
- <http://www.wbng.com/news/local/Hundreds-fill-the-streets-to-protest-for-equality-284838871.html>
- <http://www.bupipedream.com/opinion/45272/editorial-protests/>

Who: About 150-200 students attended this event and 22 organizations co-sponsored the event.



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### **Event: Discussion on Conflict Resolution, Last meeting of semester & e-board elections**

**Date:** December 4, 2014

**Time/Location:** 7:30PM-8:30PM, Fine Arts Room 242

**What:** PABU held our last meeting of the semester on December 4. We opened the meeting at 7:30PM and begin with elections. Our e-board for the spring 2015 semester is the following: Mahvish Hoda (President), Lindsay Cox (Vice President), Sophie Gamer (Treasurer), Nicholas Doran (Secretary), Gabrielle Schiller (Education Chair), John Kwon (Public Relations Chair) and Martha Engle (Multimedia Chair). Each contestant gave a short introduction and speech, which was then followed by a vote among all students present. After this, e-board members presented on different methods and steps of conflict resolution. A discussion on recent events and the ways they are being dealt with was held by all members after the presentation.

**Who:** 15 students attended this event.

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### **Final Report**

As of December 2014:

- 351 Facebook likes ([www.facebook.com/PeaceActionBU](http://www.facebook.com/PeaceActionBU))
- 231 Twitter followers

### **Spring 2015 Plans:**

- Peace Picnic/Peace Banquet
- competition similar to the cup song competition
- attending of the annual PANYS conference
- collaborations with WSU, Kurdish Council, Amnesty International, Dorm Room Diplomacy, IVP and other groups
- April - NPT Conference
- Hosting Professor DiGangi (from the Anthropology department) to speak about human rights issues in South America



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## Peace Action Binghamton University October 30, 2014 FA-242 Body Meeting

1. Welcome
  1. Mahvish Hoda opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.
  2. Body member sign-in sheet
  3. There were 20 members in attendance, including E-board members and THiNK members
  4. Upcoming Events
    1. Peace Studies Conference
      1. November 8th
      2. 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
      3. Currently planning with Speech & Debate team, JUMP Nation
    2. Bake Sale
      1. Tuesday, November 18th
      2. 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
      3. Marketplace
2. Body Meeting
  1. Collaboration with THiNK (Tomorrow's Hope in North Korea)
  2. Lindsay Cox gave a presentation on propaganda in North Korea
    1. State-run newspaper
    2. Legends about North Korean Leaders
    3. How propaganda is used in the country
  3. Discussion
    1. Comments about North Korean Society
    2. How N. Koreans fear their leaders and what the state is telling them
    3. Do they believe everything they are told?
  4. Next week's meeting
    1. Collaboration with IDEAs
    2. How conflict and wars affect the environment - War Isn't Green

**Body Meeting was closed at 8:00 PM**

**Recorded by Nick Doran, Secretary**



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**Peace Action Binghamton Final Report**  
**Student Organizer: Mahvish Hoda**

#### **Spring 2015 Executive Board Members**

##### **Board Members:**

President - Mahvish Hoda (mhoda1@binghamton.edu, 607-972-1461) - Senior

Vice President - Lindsay Cox (lcox1@binghamton.edu, 631-655-4889) - Sophomore

Treasurer - Sophie Gamer (sgamer1@binghamton.edu, 914-806-6857) - Junior

Secretary - Nick Doran (ndoran1@binghamton.edu, 315-378-3392) - Sophomore

##### **Committee Chairs:**

Education Chair - Gabrielle Schiller (gschill1@binghamton.edu, 516-521-5079) - Junior

Multimedia Chair - Martha Engle (mengle2@binghamton.edu, 845-392-3444) - Sophomore

Public Relations Chair – John Kwon (jkwon11@binghamton.edu, 347-259-4134) - Freshman

**E-board:** Mahvish Hoda, Sophie Gamer, Lindsay Cox, Nick Doran, Gabi Schiller, Martha Engle, John Kwon  
**Current Facebook Likes:** 370, **Current List-serv:** 300+, **Outstanding Student Organization of the Year Award!**

##### **Events/topics:**

- Japan, ISIS, & Pacifism
- Charlie Hebdo
- Co-sponsored event with Women's Student Union - Half the Sky
- Move the money project and Pentagon Spending
- Co-sponsored event with Democracy Matters- Iran, Campaign Finance Reform
- Kirk-Menendez Sanctions - Radio
- Co-sponsored event with Democracy Matters, NYPIRG, Women's Student Union, Caribbean Student Association - Voting





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- Event with Kurdish Council, Muslim Student Association, BU Zionist Organization, International Connections, BSA - Halabja Genocide
- Malala Yousafzai
- Israeli elections & possibility of two-state solution
- Late Nite - Hot chocolate for Peace
- Global Marshall Plan with Jack Gilroy
- Hillary Clinton and candidates
- Co-sponsored event with CCE on social media activism
- Co-sponsored Critical Animal Studies Conference with Speech & Debate Team
- Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Earth Day
- Bake Sale
- Peace and Planet Conference
- Puerto Rico
- Co-sponsored event with Kurdish Council, BSA, Arabic Assoc. - Fashion Show
- Spring Fling tabling
- Co-sponsored event with SigRho and many other groups - candlelight vigil & fundraiser for Nepal
- Texas, Charlie Hebdo, Freedom of Speech
- Peace Studies - Mahvish has been working on this all semester, making progress

### **Money raised**

- Bake Sale - \$28
- Halabja Genocide Event - \$1,450 for victims of ISIS
- Late Nite - \$50 for Malala Fund
- Nepal Fundraiser - \$812

### **Goals:**

Increase outreach, get new members and increase meeting attendance, increase e-board communication and work together to achieve goals, travel, and finish establishing Peace Studies (Mahvish and Mallory), e-board dinners





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## **Peace Action Binghamton University**

**February 9, 2015**

**UU-108**

### **Body Meeting/General Interest Meeting**

1. Welcome
  1. Mahvish Hoda opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M.
  2. Body Member sign-in sheet
  3. There were 11 members\* in attendance, including E-Board members  
\*Weather was particularly bad, resulting in a lower attendance than usual
4. General Interest Meeting
  1. Introductions of E-Board members and general body members
5. Body Meeting
0. Presentation on Japan's move from pacifism
  1. Nick gave the presentation because Gabi was unable to make it to the meeting
  2. Talked about the recent beheading of a Japanese journalist, the attempt to amend the Constitution, and distribution of humanitarian aid to countries instead of giving ISIS ransom
  3. Video about ISIS
1. Discussion
  1. What could have Japan done instead of giving humanitarian aid? Did the country make the right decision?
  2. What direction should Japan take now?
  3. General questions about ISIS and Japan's role in world affairs
6. Next week's meeting
0. All meetings will be in FA-244
1. Lindsay will give a discussion on Charlie Hebdo

**Body Meeting was closed at 8:35 P.M.**

**Recorded by Nick Doran, Secretary**

## **Peace Action Binghamton University**

**February 16, 2015**

**FA-244**

### **Body Meeting**



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1. Welcome
  1. Mahvish Hoda opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M.
  2. Body Member sign-in sheet
  3. There were 11 members\* in attendance, including E-Board members  
\*Temperatures were dangerously cold, resulting in a lower attendance than usual
- 1.4 Upcoming events-Bake sale\*\* and Late Nite Soon
2. Body Meeting
  1. Lindsay Cox gave a presentation on her Europe trip
    1. Protests
      1. #BlackLivesMatter in Amsterdam
    2. Charlie Hebdo
      1. Background information on the attacks
      2. Being in France during the times of the attacks
      3. Vigils in London
      4. European and American responses?
  2. Discussion
    1. Should the U.S. have had a more high profile leader at the march following the Charlie Hebdo attacks?
    2. What was the difference between the European and American attacks and why did Americans respond the way they did?
    3. How did the media coverage affect the events and people's perceptions of the events?
    4. Why was this so heavily covered by the media when other traumatic events are not?
3. Next week's meeting
  1. No meeting on Monday, 2/23
  2. Collaboration with Women's Student Union on Thursday, 2/26 at 8:00 Pm in Lecture Hall 3
    1. Documentary showing "Half the Sky"
    2. Discussion afterwards

**Body Meeting was closed at 8:50 P.M.**

**Recorded by Nick Doran, Secretary**

## Peace Action Binghamton University

**February 26, 2015**

**Lecture Hall 3**

**Body Meeting co-sponsored with Women's Student Union**

1. Welcome
  1. Mahvish Hoda and Sophie Gamer opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M.
  2. Body Member sign-in sheet
  3. There were 22 members of PABU and Women's Student Union in attendance



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2. Body Meeting
  1. Documentary: *Half the Sky*
  2. Discussion on women's rights and mistreatment
3. Next week's meeting
  1. Monday 3/2 at 8:00 PM in FA-244
  2. Discussion and short video on military spending in the US

**Body Meeting was closed at 9:00 P.M.**

**Recorded by Nick Doran, Secretary**

## Peace Action Binghamton University March 2, 2015 FA-244 Body Meeting

1. Welcome
  - a. Mahvish Hoda opened the meeting at 8:00 PM
  - b. Body-Member sign-in sheet
  - c. There were 10 members present, including E-board
2. Body Meeting
  - . Gabi Schiller gave a presentation on military spending
  - a. Two videos on military spending were shown
    - i. How does U.S. spending compare to the rest of the world?
    - ii. What does it do to our economy?
  - b. Discussion
    - . How can we address military spending?
      - i. What should we be spending on instead of on the military?
      - ii. How much should the budget be reduced?
3. Next meeting
  - . Monday, March 9th at 8:00 PM
    - a. Collaboration with Democracy Matters
    - b. Diplomacy with Iran and Campaign Finance Reform

**Body Meeting was closed at 8:45 PM**

**Recorded by Nick Doran, Secretary**

## Peace Action Binghamton University March 9, 2015



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### FA-244

## Body Meeting collaboration with Democracy Matters

1. Welcome
  - a. Mahvish Hoda opened the meeting at 8:00 PM
  - b. Body-Member sign-in sheet
  - c. There were 15 members present, including E-board and Democracy Matters members
  - d. Upcoming Events
    - i. Late Nite
      1. 3/27 from 9:00PM-12:00AM
      2. Hot chocolate and donation jar for Malala Fund
    - ii. Radio Show
      1. Every Wednesday at 6:30PM
      2. Discussing peace and current events
2. Body Meeting
  - . Democracy Matters
  - . Spoke about campaign finance reform
  - i. Video on finance reform and a timeline of American history
    - a. Peace Action
    - . Diplomacy with Iran
      1. Menendez-Kirk Amendment
  - b. Discussion
    - . How can the U.S. approach Iranian negotiations?
    - i. Should Iran be allowed to have nuclear weapons if other states have them?
    - ii. Should any states have any nuclear weapons?
    - iii. Is the Menendez-Kirk Amendment constructive?
3. Next week's meeting
  - . Collaboration with the Kurdish Council
  - a. Mandela Room, 5:30-9:00
  - b. Fundraiser for victims of ISIS in Iraq and Syria

**Body Meeting was closed at 8:45 P.M.**

**Recorded by Nick Doran, Secretary**

**Peace Action Binghamton University  
March 16, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.  
Mandela Room  
American Kurdish Council Event**



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1. Co-sponsor of American Kurdish Council event
  - a. Additional co-sponsors
    - i. BU Zionist Organization
    - ii. Muslim Student Association
    - iii. Binghamton Sikh Association
  - b. 27th commemoration of the Halabja Genocide
  - c. There were approximately 60 people in attendance
  - d. Food from Moghul's - \$5 per plate
  - e. Donations raised for victims of ISIS in Iraq and Syria  
\$1,450!!!
  - f. Pipe Dream Article  
<http://www.bupipedream.com/news/51039/halabaja-memorial-looks-towards-preventing-future-atrocities/>
2. Upcoming Events
  - . Radio Show
  - . Every Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.
  - i. This week (3/18) - Halabja Genocide, ISIS and Peacekeeper of the Week-Malala Yousafzi
    - a. Late Nite
    - . Hot Chocolate for Peace, Fundraiser for Malala Fund
  - i. 3/27 from 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M.
3. Next Week's Meeting
  - . Cancelled because of meeting with Jack Gilroy of Broome County Peace Action and need for long E-Board Meeting

**Recorded by Nick Doran, Secretary**

## Peace Action Binghamton University

**April 20, 2015**

**FA-244**

### **Body Meeting**

1. Welcome
  - a. Mahvish Hoda opened the meeting at 8:00 PM
  - b. Body-Member sign-in sheet
  - c. There were 10 members present, including E-board
  - d. Upcoming Events
    - i. Bake Sale
      1. 4/23 from 12:00PM-4:00PM
      2. Selling tickets for event with Kurdish Council
  - ii. Radio Show
    1. Every Wednesday at 6:30PM



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2. Discussing peace and current events
  - iii. Elections
    1. Next Monday the 4th, letters of intent due the 3rd
    - iiii. Spring Fling - May 3rd - "Kites for Peace"
2. Body Meeting
  - a. Presidential Candidates
    - i. Lindsay discussed the presidential candidates that have declared they are running thus far
    - ii. Weighed the pros and cons of each one, while focusing on foreign policy views and views on women's and LGBT rights
    - b. Non-nuclear proliferation treaty
      - . Briefly discussed its goals
  3. Next week's meeting
    - . Mahvish and Lindsay will be discussing NPT and Peace and Planet Conference

**Body Meeting was closed at 8:50 P.M.**

**Recorded by Nick Doran, Secretary**

## Fall 2015

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### Geneseo University- Fall 2014

#### Geneseo University Final Report Student Organizer: Patrick McCormick

#### Board

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#### Meetings

- Meetings were conducted weekly on Monday nights at 6PM in the college union
- Monthly meetings with GVCP, our sister chapter

#### Events

**September 20-** Picnic with GVCP

**September 21-** Participated in Peoples Climate March

**October 2-** Dirty Wars Documentary

**October 5-** Attended Drone Rally in Syracuse

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**- Two representatives attended the William Sloane Coffin Jr. Peacemaker Award ceremony (Teba & Patrick)

**October 27** – Ricardo Adams & Rosemary Rivera-Speakers event on Police Brutality & Ferguson

**November 10** - Peace Action Presentation with Dr. Mary Mohan

**November 21-** Liz Turchi- speaking event on The United Nations & Human Rights





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**November/December-** Participation in protests over lack of indictments in killings of Michael Brown and Eric Garner

**December 6<sup>th</sup>-** War Toys Demonstrations

### Social Media

Facebook likes- 149 likes

Likes on other pages confirmed

Twitter- Not yet in existence

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### Peace Action Minutes

**September 15, 2014**

**Start: 6:00pm**

**End: 6:48pm**

Attendance: 8

- Introductions

- Focus of the Semester: Police Accountability

- Note: Dr. Allen did not like the idea as much (alternatives=ISIS, etc.)

- Police accountability: finding inspired individuals here difficult; relevancy

- Collaborate with BSU—Amelia will be the contact

- For Next Meeting: Think of speakers to talk about this issue

- GOLD Workshop

- Topic: **Conflict Resolution**

- Dr. Mary Mohan, Communication—Shelby will be the contact (but hold off for now)

- Larger scale (not like the existing Conflict Resolution workshop)

- Date: Possibly November

- Time: Doodle for available times (most GOLD workshops are Monday-Thursday 2:30-3:30)

- Presenters?

- Will count toward Social Justice Certificate (Diamond)

- Panel + discussion

- Ultimately, this is about advocacy



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- Dirty Wars Screening
  - **Thursday, October 2 at 6pm in Newton 203**
  - Documentary, available on Netflix and Pat has DVD
  - Discussion afterwards
  - Food (CAS Grant—Amelia)
  - Publicity: Posters
  
- Updates: Web Page
  - Teba contacted CIT about making a Peace Action web page
  - Training: **Thursday, September 18 at 8am South Hall 122**: Teba, Rose and Drew
  
- Picnic with GVCP
  - This Saturday, September 20 (Family Weekend)
  - Updates on Facebook group for rides (Pat and Drew have cars)
  - Drinks
  
- Student Association
  - Up to \$150
    - Pay for speaker
    - Publicity materials
    - Drinks (out of pocket but not new members)
    - Materials for GOLD workshops
  - CAS grant—Amelia
  
- Comments/Questions
  - Sunday is Peace Day!

### Peace Action Minutes

**September 22, 2014**

**Start 6:05pm**

**End: 6:50pm**

Attendance: 9

- Introduction about Peace Action for new members
  
- Police Accountability is our focus
  
- “Dirty Wars” Documentary
  - **Thursday, October 2, at 6pm in Newton 203**



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- Victoria Farmer (and hopefully Jeremy Grace) will facilitate discussion
- **Flyers: Michael**
- Residence Life: Schrader 131
- **Facebook Event: Lilly**
- CAS Grant up to \$100
  - Coffee Break: fresh fruit, baked goods option, etc.
  
- GOLD Workshop
  - **Monday, November 17, 2:30-3:30**
  - Conflict Resolution
    - We present on ISIS, Gaza, etc.
  - Dr. Allen: psychology professor/our advisor
  - **Dr. Mary Mohan: Shelby will be the contact**
  - **Arun Gandhi: Abby will be the contact**
  - Presenters: Possibly Teba
  
- Police Accountability Speaker Event
  - Hopefully based in New York
  - **BSU: Amelia will be the contact**
  
- We tried to start watching “Dirty Wars”
  - Too many previews
  - feel free to watch on Netflix

### Peace Action Minutes

October 20, 2014

MCU 325

Start Time: 6:00pm

End Time: 6:30pm

#### Recaps

1. Drone Rally in Syracuse (Sunday, Oct. 5)
2. William Sloane Coffin Jr. Peacemaker Award (Monday, Oct. 6)
3. GVCP Meeting (Saturday, Oct. 18)

#### Upcoming Events

1. **Speaker: Adam Ricardo (Ferguson activist)**

**Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:00pm**

**MacVittie College Union 319**

- Abby is making posters (will be done by tonight and will be distributed tomorrow)
- Amelia is making the Facebook event



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- Talk to your professors, relevant departments, human beings
- 2. Next GVCP Meeting  
Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 1:00pm  
Omega Grill (rides will be coordinated)
  - Liz Turchi, the new Executive Director of PANYS will be in attendance
    - o She is a former UN human rights lawyer
  - Pat will be leading the meeting
- 3. War Toys Demonstration  
Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 11:00am  
Wegmans Parking Lot (rides will be coordinated)
  - Our annual joint demonstration with GVCP
  - Please be there!
- 4. GOLD Workshop  
Monday, November 17, 2014 at 2:30pm

End.

**Peace Action Geneseo  
November 3, 2014  
Start: 6:00 p.m.  
End: 6:50 p.m.**

### Recap/News

1. Introductions (two new members!)
2. Ricardo Adams and Ream Kidane
  - Good turnout!
  - 35 people (full house)
  - Good discussion

### Upcoming Events

1. **Speaker Event: Liz Turchi (new executive director of PANYS)**
  - **Friday, November 21 at 4pm in Newton (still booking)**
  - Human rights lawyer for the United Nations and the International Criminal Court
  - Contact IR/PoliSci/Sociology/Sociology
  - Flyers: Abby
  - Facebook Event: Amelia
  - Food/water/coffee
  - Dinner with Liz right after
    - o Big Tree Inn? GFR



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### **2. GVCP Meeting with Liz Turchi**

- **Saturday, November 22 at 1:00pm at Omega Grille**
- We'll arrange rides

### **3. GOLD Workshop**

- Monday, November 17, 2014
- Dr. Matthews has not responded—Abby will talk to him tomorrow

### **4. War Toy Demonstration**

- **Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 11:00am at Wegmans Plaza**
- Annual joint demonstration with GVCP
- Be there (rides will be arranged)

### **5. Brainstorming Ideas Working**

- Canisius/Skidmore?
- Stickers

### **6. Peace Action Presentation with Dr. Mary Mohan**

- Monday, November 10 at 4:00pm at South 328
  - o Conflict, Negotiation, and Mediation
- Pat has spoken in the class three times (get more/different people!)

### **Peace Action Minutes**

**November 24, 2014**

**Start: 6:02pm**

**End: 6:50pm**

#### **Announcements**

1. Internship Opportunity
  - a. Social Media Internship with International Child Abduction Awareness Foundation (ICAAF)
    - i. Based in Boston, but this is a remote internship
    - ii. My cousin is the supervisor!!
    - iii. Apply by January 15, 2015
2. Dr. Mary Mohan's Gift
  - a. Bumper stickers frame
  - b. Where to put it? No office.
    - i. Pass it along to individuals in Peace Action every year

#### **Upcoming Events**

1. GLK Grant for La Banda Rebelde
  - a. Teba will submit tonight



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- b. With Guitar Club! LSA?
  - c. Opener—local band?
  - d. Early or Late March (before or after Spring Break)
  - e. Thursday or Friday
  - f. Water, small snacks through the grant
  - g. If we don't get it...
    - i. Peace Concert Lineup instead
  - 2. War Toys Campaign
    - a. After Thanksgiving break
    - b. Tabling in the Union (see Google Docs that Teba posted)
      - i. What do you want for the Holidays? Besides material goods.
        - 1. Make a giant peace sign out of people's thumbprints
          - a. Wal-Mart
            - i. Inkpads (different colors)
            - ii. Canvas/poster boards
            - iii. Baby wipes and/or hand sanitizer to wipe it off
          - 2. Ask Chip if we could hang it up (like Trans? Fine by me)
        - ii. Small informative posters about war toys
3. War Toys Demonstration
  - a. December 6 at 11am in the Wegmans Plaza
  - b. Dress warmly
  - c. Rides will be arranged



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### **Geneseo University- Spring 2015**

**Student Organizer: Patrick McCormick**

#### **Meetings**

- Meetings were conducted weekly on Tuesday nights at 6:30PM in the college union
- Monthly meetings with GVCP, our sister chapter

#### **Events**

**Jan.24-26-** 6 representatives attended the Peace Action National Conference in Washington D.C.

**Feb. 26-** SASI Express yourself event: Sent representatives to participate in this event who performed a peace poem

**Mar. 6-** Members attended an Avi Shabbat dinner to discuss Israeli/Palestinian conflict

**Fall 2014-** Students went to Syracuse to protest with fellow Peace Action member Victoria Farmer

**March 27-** Music for Action- Hosted a concert with Afro-funk group “Taína Asili y la Banda Rebelde” that plays songs for social justice.

**April-** Contacted Rep. Chris Collins delivering a petition asking him to not derail the Iran Nuclear talks by supporting the Menendez Bill.

**April 25-26-** Students attended the Peace and Planet March in NYC

#### **Social Media**

Facebook likes- 165 likes

Twitter- Not yet in existence

#### **Upcoming Events**

Fall events will be subject to Emilie and the rest of the e-board. We wish them luck and continued success.





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### Peace Action Geneseo

**January 28, 2014**

**Start 6:30pm**

**End: 7:10pm**

Attendance: 15

1. Avi Shabbat (upcoming)
  - a. Friday, March 6, 2015 at 5:30pm at the InterFaith Center
  - b. In honor of the Avi Shaefer Fund
  - c. With MSA (Muslim Student Association) and Hillel
  - d. An Israeli and Palestinian student perspective (anecdotal)
  - e. The intent is to provide a forum for people to speak
  - f. Not propaganda
  - g. No co-sponsorship, just come out to support!
  
2. Peace Action National Organizers' Meeting (recap)
  - a. Lilly, Uma, Michael, Emilie, Teba, and Pat all went to D.C.!
  - b. Learned a lot about the issues
    - i. Iran, Iraq, Syria
    - ii. Move the Money Campaign
      1. Move governmental funding from military to other (education)
    - iii. Nuclear
      1. \$1 trillion upgrade to modernize nuclear weapons
    - iv. Student Organizations
      1. Massachusetts!
  - c. The takeaway**
    - i. Put things in motion... connect the dots
    - ii. Reach out to people in political office
    - iii. Collaborate with groups/student orgs
      1. Democracy Matters
    - iv. Memes
  
3. This semester
  - a. **Congratulations to Michael Carlin, our new social media coordinator!**
  - b. Possible areas of focus:
    - i. War is not green
      1. Environmental refugees
  - c. Continue to spread peace!



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- End -

### Peace Action Minutes February 4, 2015

Attendance: 12

1. Current events with introductions
  - a. Beyoncé's vegan delivery service
  - b. Vaccinations
  - c. Egypt (Shaimaa el-Sabbagh)
    - i. [http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/04/world/middleeast/shaimaa-el-sabbagh-tahrir-square-killing-angers-egyptians.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/04/world/middleeast/shaimaa-el-sabbagh-tahrir-square-killing-angers-egyptians.html?_r=0)
  - d. Britain—design genes—curing diseases
    - i. <http://www.cnn.com/2015/02/03/health/uk-ivf-3-person-babies/>
  - e. Pakistan—teaching female teachers to use guns after Peshawar attack
    - i. <http://www.cnn.com/2015/02/01/asia/pakistan-peshawar-school-guns/>
  - f. Nanotechnology, space
2. Music for Action
  - a. LSA for co-sponsorship (Emilie)
  - b. Pride, GEO (Teba, Jessica)
  - c. Opening act?
  - d. Start at 9:30
  - e. Posters
    - i. See if the band has posters
    - ii. If not, Abby can do something
3. Chris Collins; 27<sup>th</sup> district
  - a. Legislator to focus on
  - b. Republican
  - c. Office on Main Street
  - d. Research Chris Collins (Twitter, Facebook, website)**
  - e. Collaborate with College Republicans
4. Topic of the Semester: War is not green
  - a. Collaborate with GEO
  - b. Earth Week
  - c. Peace Planet Conference
    - i. April 26, 2015, New York City (UN)
    - ii. Mobilization for a Nuclear-Free, Just and Sustainable World



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5. Peace Action National News
  - a. Move the Money Campaign
    - i. Move governmental funding from military to other things (education)
      1. Divest Geneseo (part of GEO)
6. Updates from Natia (PANYS Student Outreach Coordinator)
  - a. Legislator
  - b. War isn't green
  - c. Conference calls
  - d. Peace News
7. Updates
  - a. SASI—Express Yourself—have a booth
  - b. Advocacy for funding for AOP
  - c. Democracy Matters Rally (Video from last year with Emilie:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbaGHuBPYUE>)

**Peace Action Geneseo**  
**February 18, 2015**  
**Start: 6:30pm**  
**End: 7:10pm**

Attendance: 10

### Upcoming:

- Peace and Planet March
  - o April 24-26, 2015 in New York City
    - April 24 & 25: International peace, justice, and environmental conference
    - April 26: international rally, march to the UN and peace festival
  - o Trying to get more students (GEO, other clubs, students, etc.)
  - o Transportation & Housing
    - Busses—funding from SA?
    - People with cars
- Peace Action New York State
  - o April 25-26, 2015 in New York City during Peace & Planet weekend
- GLK Event: Taina Asili Band
  - o Friday, March 27, 2015 at 10:00pm in the Knightspot
  - o Presented by the Justice League
    - Co-Sponsors: LSA, Pride, Guitar Club, Amnesty International



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- Potential: SASI
  - Abby will make the poster
  - Michael will take care of the opener
- SASI's Express Ya self
  - Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Knightspot
  - Peace Action will have a booth
    - Emilie is going to SASI's e-board meeting
    - Signatures of support for Chris Collins
- Rep. Chris Collins
  - Working on a letter about ISIS/Obama
    - Emilie started on it
      - We don't want another pointless war
    - We will workshop it next week
    - Print it out, garner a bunch of signatures
- ISIS News

### Things to Do:

- Advertise Peace and Planet March/Conference
- Think about things to say to Chris Collins—write letter—request to meet with him
- Keep talking up Peace Action Geneseo
- Peace News Student Chapter Episode

- END -

### Peace Action Geneseo

**February 25, 2015**

**Attendance: 10**

Start: 6:00pm

End: 7:18pm

- Student Against Social Injustice's Express Ya'Self
  - Knightspot from 7:00pm-8:15pm
  - Peace Action Booth
    - We will have our petition for people to sign (going to Chris Collins)
    - Copies of Joint Resolution
    - Emilie, Teba, Uma, Mylisa, maybe Abby
  - Setup starts at 6:30pm



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- Joint Resolution
  - o [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/aumf\\_02112015.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/aumf_02112015.pdf)
  - o “Limited use”—what does it mean?
  - o Section 2C—Limitations
    - “Does not authorize the use...”
  - o Highlight vague terms...things that we could discuss in the future
  - o We will have copies of this at SASI Event
- ISIS Panel Recap
  - o Solutions from Panelists
    - Drachman: hard power and soft power
      - ISIS is trying to be a caliphate
      - Need power to cut off supply chains, food
      - Did not say direct attack
      - Did not mention economic development, grassroots
      - Vague
      - Strong suggestions about what not to do
      - Not opposed to teaming up with Assad
      - Opposed to working with Iran
    - Grace: talked about failed states
      - Because there was a vacuum
  - o Good attendance!
- Workshopping letter to Chris Collins that Emilie wrote
  - o Working on the Google Doc!
- Hillel vs Halal
  - o Pat admitted to being “slightly less than right”
- Quote of the Day: “I’m going to the no spin zone with Papa Bear Bill O’Reilly”

- End Meeting -

**Peace Action Geneseo**

**March 11, 2015**

**Attendance: 10**

Start: 6:30pm

End: 7:12pm

- **Last day of tabling is tomorrow**



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- Keep collecting signatures for petition to Chris Collins. It will be accompanied by the personalized letter to Collins made by Emilie and work-shopped by the group
  - Asking for more defined and explicit language in the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) against ISIS/ISIL if and when it gets passed by Congress
  - There are many vague terms and phrases that may lead to dangerous consequences for people in the areas in question (Syria)
- **GLK's Music for Action (Taina Asili)**
- Friday, March 27, 2015 at 10:00pm in the Knightspot
  - Co-sponsors: LSA, SASI, Amnesty International, GEO, Pride, Guitar Club
  - Keep spreading the word!!!!
- **Have a great Spring Break!!**

- End Meeting -

**Peace Action Geneseo**  
**March 25, 2015**  
**Attendance: 12**

Start: 6:30pm  
End: 7:07pm

Upcoming:

- **GLK's Music for Action (Taina Asili)**
  - Friday, March 27, 2015 at 9:30pm in the Knight Spot
  - Co-sponsors: LSA, SASI, Amnesty International, GEO, Pride, Guitar Club
  - Taina Asili y la Banda Rebelde starts setting up around 8pm, so Teba and Abby will meet up with them then
  - Spread the word!
- Peace and Planet March and Conference
  - Friday, April 24, 2015-Sunday, April 26, 2015
  - New York City
  - Also the Peace Action New York State annual conference
  - Carpooling (Teba, Pat, Emilie)
  - Anyone interested in going
- Meet with Rep. Chris Collins to Present Petition
  - Emilie e-mailed Michael A. Kracker (District Director for Chris Collins)
  - Won't be able to meet with him in the immediate



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- We got 100 signatures!
- Elections in the Future
  - Start thinking about what you want to run for
  - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Media Coordinator, Sunshine Coordinator

- End Meeting -

### Peace Action Geneseo Minutes Wednesday, April 1, 2015 Attendance: 11

Start: 6:30pm  
End: 7:13pm

Recap:

- **GLK's Music for Action (Taina Asili y la Banda Rebelde)**
  - Friday, March 27, 2015 at 9:30pm in the Knight Spot
  - Had over 50 attendees—great turnout and great response!
  - Red Kettle (student band opener) was awesome
  - Co-sponsors: LSA, SASI, Amnesty International, GEO, Pride, Guitar Club
- **Emilie gave our petition to Chris Collins' Office**

Today:

- **E-Board**
  - President: Emilie (WINNER!)
  - Vice President: Abby (WINNER!)
  
  - Spirit Animal Guru: Lilly
  - Dutch Connection: Mylisa
  - Alumni Committee: Pat, Teba, Drew (☹ that they're leaving)
- **Pending Nominations**
  - Treasurer: Uma, Lilly, Allyson, Amelia
  - Secretary: Allyson, Uma, Michael
  - Social Media Coordinator: Michael, Kimmy

Upcoming:

- **Peace and Planet March and Conference**
  - Saturday, April 25-Sunday, April 26, 2015 in New York City
  - Also the Peace Action New York State annual conference





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- Carpooling (Emilie and/or Kimmy)
- Advertising
  - During GEO week next week (4/6)
  - Tie in with sustainability
- Leave on Friday
- Airbnb for 10 people
  
- **Meet with Michael Kracker (District Director for Congressman Chris Collins)**
  - Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 4:00pm
  
- **Peace News**
  - War is Not Green

- End Meeting -

Peace Action Geneseo Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Attendance: 10

Start: 6:30pm

End: 7:13pm

Today:

- **E-Board**
  - President: Emilie
  - Vice President: Abby
  - Secretary: Uma
  - Social Media Coordinator: Michael
  
  - Spirit Animal Guru: Lilly
  - Dutch Connection: Mylisa
  - Alumni Committee: Pat, Teba, Drew (☹ that they're leaving)
  
- **Pending Nominations (vote through Facebook...directions in the group)**
  - Treasurer: Allyson, Lilly, Amelia

Upcoming:

- **Peace and Planet March and Conference/PANYS Annual Meeting**
  - Saturday, April 25-Sunday, April 26, 2015 in New York City
  - Emilie, Lilly, Mylisa, Anna, and possibly Michael
  - Advertising



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- During GEO week next week
  - Tie in with sustainability
- 
- **GEO's Earth Week**
    - Table!
    - Get ideas on why to table
  
  - **Co-Sponsor with Enlace Project**
    - April 25, 2015 at 6:00pm at IFC
  
  - **Peace News**
    - War is Not Green

- End Meeting -

*A special shout-out to our very own Patrick McCormick. Good luck with your life plans.*



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### Manhattan College – Fall 2014

#### **JustPeace (PANYS) Final Report Fall 2014**

**Student Organizer: Ryan Waters**

**Mission Statement:** JustPeace meets every Tuesday to discuss current issues of peace and justice, raise awareness on campus and take action.

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#### **Meetings:**

9/9/14, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 4pm  
9/16/14, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 4pm  
9/23/14, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 4pm  
9/30/14, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 4pm  
10/7/14, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 4pm  
10/21/14, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 4pm  
11/11/14, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 4pm  
11/18/14, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 4pm  
12/2/14, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 4pm

#### **Events:**

##### **Manhattan College Club Fair**

**What:** Manhattan College Club Fair

**Where:** Manhattan College Quad

**When:** 9/2/14

**Who:** JustPeace and Manhattan College's 60+ other clubs

**Why:** Every fall, Manhattan College has a club fair to show freshman all of the great clubs we have to offer. JustPeace set up a table with free fair-trade chocolate and an email sign-up sheet. Over the course of the afternoon, we talked with various students about JustPeace and our plans for the rest of the semester. The response was very positive and we collected over 75 email addresses from people who were interested.

##### **Liberty in North Korea**



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**What:** Liberty in North Korea

**Where:** Manhattan College Kelly Commons 5C

**When:** 10/23/14 4:30-5:30

**Who:** This event included the 3 Northeast Nomads, and about 40 people in attendance. This was the fourth time we have had LiNK come to our campus and we had just as strong of a turn out this time as we did for past events.

**Why:** JustPeace hosted an event for the organization Liberty in North Korea. Liberty in North Korea is a non-profit organization that tries to tackle one of the greatest challenges facing humanity today, the human rights issues in North Korea. We began on Monday, 10/21/14 by tabling for the event. On 10/23/14, Liberty in North Korea sent 3 of their “nomads” to do a 30 minute TED-Style talk about the human rights issues in North Korea and what we can do to help North Korean defectors get out of China, and into countries such as South Korea and the United States. After the presentation was over, there was a 10-minute question and answer period.

### Safe Halloween

**What:** Manhattan College’s Safe Halloween

**Who:** Just Peace, Sigma Delta Pi, Various Manhattan College Club’s

**Where:** Manhattan College

**When:** 10/24/14

**Why:** Every Halloween, Sigma Delta Pi (a teaching honor society), has a Safe Halloween. Safe Halloween is an event where kids from all over the neighborhood come to Manhattan College to Trick-or-treat, do educational games, and arts and crafts. Each club decorates a room, provides kids with candy, and does a game with the children. JustPeace had a room at this event, and did arts and crafts with the children who came. We had hundreds of kids come throughout the afternoon, and had about 10 volunteers from JustPeace.

### No Water Bottle November

**What:** No Water Bottle November

**Who:** JustPeace

**Where:** Manhattan College

**When:** Entire month of November; tabling was from 10/27-10/31

**Why:** No Water Bottle November is a pledge for Manhattan College students and faculty, stating that they will try to refrain from using plastic water bottles. During the course of a week of tabling, we had 145 people sign the pledge. The point of this event is to raise awareness of the dangers of plastic bottle consumption, and the negative effects that it has on the Earth. We also attempted to raise awareness of the various reusable water bottle refill stations we have installed on campus. There was a lot of positive feedback from this event and we plan on doing this again next semester, on an even bigger scale.

### Tapped

**What:** JustPeace is co-sponsored the movie screening of the film, *Tapped*.

**Who:** JustPeace and CRS (Catholic Relief Services)

**Where:** Manhattan College Kelly Commons 5A

**When:** 11/21



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**Why:** For the month of November, JustPeace and CRS teamed up for the event “No Water Bottle November”. We wanted to show people that there was really no need for the use of plastic water bottles, especially with NYC’s great water supply. We decided showing this movie would help drive that point home. *Tapped* is focused on exploiting the realities of the water bottle industry. The fact is, most bottled water is actually bottled tap water. The movie was very informative, and it was a great event. We had about 10 or 15 people attend. We gave a brief introduction about our mission and showed the film. Afterwards, we had a brief discussion about what everyone thought. We also had people sign an online petition for HR 2901, Water for the World Act. This is a bill that we hope to talk to our local representative about next semester, with CRS.

(<https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/2901>)

We attribute the low attendance due to it being on a Monday night. We had to do this because of a prior scheduling conflict.

### *A Place at the Table*

**What:** JustPeace is co-sponsored a screening of the film, *A Place at the Table*.

**Who:** JustPeace and CRS (Catholic Relief Services)

**Where:** Manhattan College Hayden 100

**When:** 11/22

**Why:** CRS has various subcommittees that focus on pressing issues, one of them being Food Security. CRS approached JustPeace and asked if we would help to co-sponsor this event. We were more than happy to because of our relationship with CRS. We helped to promote this event at our meetings and by hanging up flyers. I was unable to attend the event due to class, but was told that there was a great turnout and it was very well received. We are on board to help with any other events this subcommittee may need in the future.

### Social Media:

The JustPeace Facebook is something very new to us and we have not begun to fully implement it. Usually we rely on our email list and posters to reach the greater Manhattan College community. Next semester, we will be implementing Facebook and Twitter a lot more. Our Twitter currently has 36 followers and our Facebook currently has 30 likes. However, our email list has over 400 people on it.

### Plans for Next Semester:

At our final two meetings, JustPeace discussed what events we would like to have in the upcoming spring. Some ideas included:

**-Liberty in North Korea:** We would like to bring LiNK back on campus to give people who were unable to make it in the fall a chance to see this incredible presentation.

**-Tom’s One Day Without Shoes:** This is a national event sponsored by Tom’s. For one day in April, you do not wear shoes in solidarity with people all over the world who go shoeless. On this day we give out free T-Shirts for people with no shoes on.



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**-Another event similar to “No Water Bottle November”:** Many others clubs have expressed interest in working with JustPeace on another “plastic bottle free” month. We are planning on doing this on a bigger scale for another month in the spring.

**-Puppies for Peace:** For finals week, we would like to bring dogs from a local animal shelter on to campus. For a small fee, students will be allowed to play with the dogs for a period of time. Playing with dogs has been proven to alleviate stress, and the money collecting can benefit the animal shelter.

**-Peace Fair:** This is a week in February where JustPeace, the Peace Studies department, Campus Ministry and various other departments come together in order to have a week full of events focused around peace. Events include a Cost of War lecture, Pizza and a Movie, Peace Fair and a film screening

-A panel discussion about Sexual Harassment/Assault on College Campuses

-A panel discussion about the militarization of Police/Public-Police relations

### **Writing Assignments:**

I submitted one writing assignment this semester on the topic of North Korea.

**To follow are some of the minutes from the fall semester. This should give you an idea of how their meetings were run. For more information, contact [Natia.Bueno@panys.org](mailto:Natia.Bueno@panys.org)**

**/9/14**

-Introductions: What is JustPeace? Personal Introductions.

-Brief History of JustPeace, beginning in 2005 with the issues in Iraq and Darfur.

-What we have done in the past, and what we plan on doing in the future.

This includes things like: LiNK, Women's Rights, conflict in Africa (specifically Congo), Russia/Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, Registration to vote

-What would you be interested in?

Ferguson

Voting

Food in America

Occupy Movement

Announcements about Piece of Pizza for Piece, Speakers, Climate March, LiNK.



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**The most important upcoming thing is that Piece of Pizza for Peace is this Friday (9/12) at 1215 in Cornerstone (Miguel 209). If you can PLEASE COME. We will be discussing Climate Change in preparation for the Peoples Climate March on Sunday, September 21st!**

### 9/18/14

Introduction of E-Board Members

Announcements:

Climate March: get there early for coffee and come with a Metrocard. Try and wear Manhattan College Gear.

Piece of Pizza for Peace on 9/19: speaker on the climate march

LiNK: October 22st, 4pm

Suggestions for events:

Voter Registration

Gendercide in China and India

Inequality in America

More information on the problems in North Korea

Some important announcements are:

**PIECE OF PIZZA FOR PEACE** is this Friday, 12:15 in Cornerstone. There will be a speaker talking about the Peoples Climate March and why we play such a big role. Come by!!

**Peoples Climate March** is this SUNDAY! We are leaving from the Starbucks in Kelly Commons at 10AM. If you want coffee, PLEASE get there early. Also, PLEASE have a Metrocard (with money on it). Buying one that morning is going to be very confusing, so come prepared.

### 9/23/14

#### Climate March:

Reflections on the March

Making plans to work with green club to eliminate water bottles and plastic bags on campus

Discuss Obama's address

#### LiNK:

Professor Droobie will hopefully come speak with JustPeace sometime before the event

Event will be sometime at the end of October

#### Peace Week

Peace week will be the last week in February

Events:

Peace Fair

Piece of Pizza for Peace





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### Cost of War Lecture

#### **9/30/14**

- The LiNK date has officially been changed. It will no longer be on 10/21 but instead it will be on **10/22** in Kelly Common's room 5A. The time will be announced soon.

-I am in the process of contacting Professor Droobie to see if he will talk to us on 10/21 about the history of North Korea, so we have a good basis for the event on 10/22.

-There will be a Peace of Pizza for Peace on 10/19 (the Friday before the LiNK event) to kick off the conversation about what is happening in North Korea.

-Safe Halloween is on 10/24. We have decided that we would love to participate again. The theme of our room will be Wild West. We will discuss more about this at the next meeting.

-After discussing Climate Issues a bit further, we have decided that the "No Water Bottle November" is an awesome event we would like to do. We are going to be working with CRS and I am in contact with Green Club to see if they would also like to participate. More to come on this.

- Lois proposed that we have a Peace Poll put on campus. For those of you who don't know what a Peace Poll is I will attach a link below. The pole acts as a reminder for what is happening all over the world, and that we all must do our parts to move towards peace. We are discussing where this might go, and if we would like to hold a ceremony for the planting of the Peace Poll.

- We are in the process of scheduling a tabling event to make sure that the MC community is registered to vote. More to come on this VERY SOON. Make sure to check your emails!

- The last thing we discussed was the issue of sexual harassment and assault, both in general and on college campuses. This is a subject that many of us feel very passionate about, because it affects so many people. We mainly discussed if we feel safe on our own campus, and what we believe Manhattan College can do to prevent sexual harassment/assault from happening. Over the next year, we really would like to focus JustPeace's efforts to making a difference on our own campus. Over the next week, please take time to think about what you think we can do to tackle this issue.



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#### **Meetings:**

1/28/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
2/4/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
2/11/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
2/18/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
2/25/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
3/11/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
4/1/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
4/8/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
4/15/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
4/22/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm  
4/29/15, Manhattan College, Miguel Hall 209, 12pm

#### **Events:**

##### **Racial Justice Teach-In**

**Who:** A coalition of teachers, faculty members and students created this Racial Justice Teach-In.

**What:** The Racial Justice Teach in was a 4 hour event on Manhattan College's campus. During this time, there were vast discussions about race, injustice, inequality, white privilege, and the events that occurred in Ferguson, Staten Island, and Cleveland.

**Where:** Manhattan College, Smith Hall

**When:** 2/4/15, 1-5pm

**Why:** Over the winter break, a professor from Manhattan College reached out to a number of students and faculty members, stating that she would like to have an event on campus called the "Racial Justice Teach-In". This event would take place over the course of a few hours, and allow for different panels, workshops, and discussions to occur. These events would be surrounding the issues of racial injustice, race relations, the events in Ferguson and Staten Island, as well as a discussion of race relations on Manhattan College's own campus. During the course of the day, we had professors and students from Manhattan College speak about these various topics. I myself helped run a workshop on white privilege with two others students and a professor. During this workshop, we worked through the



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definition and meaning of white privilege. The three students shared their experience with white privilege. Lastly, we discussed the importance of realizing white privilege, and what we can do to be “white ally’s”.

### **Peace Week 2015**

**Who:** A collaboration between the Peace Studies program and JustPeace.

**What:** Peace Week is an event that is held yearly at Manhattan College. During this week, we hold various events that pertain to peace and justice. This year’s focus was Peace movements in New York City. The week consisted of three lectures and one “Pizza and a Movie” event.

**Where:** Manhattan College, Various locations

**When:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>

**Why:** Manhattan College prides itself on having one of the oldest Peace Studies program in not only the United States, but in the world. Every year, Manhattan tries to highlight various topics pertaining to peace and justice. In years past, we have held lectures on “The Cost of War”, events on Syria, and a Peace Fair. This year we decided to take a different approach by having three lectures and a pizza and a movie event that focused on the Peace Movement in NYC. This allowed students to realize the impact that they can make on the world, simply by being active residents within the City. We hope that this event has sparked some interest in people, and can help to lead to more advocacy work in the future. Attached below is the flyer from the event.

### **Liberty In North Korea**

**Who:** Liberty in North Korea

**What:** Liberty in North Korea is a grass roots organization that focuses on the human rights issues within North Korea. North Korea is the most oppressive country in the world and commits countless amounts of human rights atrocities. LiNK attempts to educate and mobilize action about this issue. They also help North Korean defectors safely make it out of China, and establish new lives in South Korea and the United States

**Where:** Manhattan College, Kelly Commons 5C

**When:** March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Why:** Over the past 4 years, Manhattan College and LiNK have grown very close. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> time that they have come to do a presentation at MC. This organization is doing incredible things and is true to the “non-profit” mentality. All of the money donated and all of their merchandise sold goes directly to the rescuing defectors, private donors cover all overhead costs. This event did not see a good turnout unfortunately. There were about 10 people there. I contribute this to the timing of the event. It was on a Tuesday after spring break, and students were attempting to get back in the groove. I hope to do some follow up events for this, such as a “pizza and a movie” with a short film about North Korea. The event itself however was very well done. The presentation was very informative, and the 10 people that were there asked a lot of question and really wanted to learn more. I hope that this leads to more people coming to JustPeace meetings.

### **Mental Health Poster Campaign**

**Who:** JustPeace

**What:** JustPeace will be hanging up posters about mental health issues (anxiety and depression) in an attempt to destigmatize this very real issues, and to encourage students to visit the counseling center to seek help.

**Where:** Manhattan College

**When:** 4/20/15-5/13/15

**Why:** One of the JustPeace E-board members brought up in the beginning of the semester how he wanted us to focus on mental health issues. He wanted to try and take away the negative stigma that surrounds these very real issues that a lot of college students go through. He had the idea of a poster campaign, which would encourage people that they are not alone and should go to the counseling center to seek help. Over the last month, the club member and I have met with the counseling center to discuss the poster, and have finally gotten them approved by both the center and



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Student Activities. The posters will be hung up all over campus, right in time for finals week. We hope to expand these posters next semester, and make it a semester long event.

### **Pizza and a Movie Event (War isn't Green)**

**Who:** JustPeace

**What:** Every week at Manhattan College, Campus Ministry and Social Action does a “Pizza and a Movie”, where people volunteer to show a short video about an important topic, and then discuss it over pizza. JustPeace decided to do a short video about how the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is affecting water issues in the Middle East.

**Where:** Manhattan College, Cornerstone

**When:** 4/10/2015

**Why:** One of the big focuses that JustPeace and other clubs have been working on is water. We have been trying to focus on everything from water privatization to the California Drought (which is very related!). JustPeace decided that we should focus on how water can be an issue of peace as well. We showed a short video by Time Magazine about the water from the Jordan River, and how it is becoming highly polluted and depleted. A lot of this is because Israel focuses so much on agriculture, even though they are in a desert. There also has been a large amount of land grabbing for water control by Middle Eastern countries, often leading to armed conflict. It was important to look at how something as basic as water could lead to horrible violence. There were a good 10 people at this small event, and it really got some great conversations going.

### **Semester Recap:**

This semester was by far the most difficult in terms of running a club. I am definitely not the only club president to feel this way either. The massive amounts of snow days that Manhattan College had to use in the beginning of the semester started a chain reaction for poor club turnouts during the entire semester. Many teachers use our “free periods” to make up classes that were missed, which is usually when club meetings occur. Because of this, it became very hard to have a lot of events and good turnouts at meetings. My new E-Board hopes to overcome this next semester with some more great events, as well as getting the new freshman class involved in JustPeace. Manhattan College is becoming very well known for its social action and community outreach, so we are really hoping that the Class of 2019 is going to be very active and engaged.

### **Budget Submission to Manhattan College for SY 2015-2016**

**Note:** For Manhattan College club budget, it is always recommended to apply for twice as much money as you actually need, because often times that is what you are approved for. Also, once you are approved for a budget, you are allowed to spend the money as you wish, and are not required to do the exact events listed on the request.

Just Peace	\$5,200	
<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	
<b>Request #1</b>	Liberty in North Korea	



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	<b>Amount \$1000</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>
	Number of People Expected: 100 people Food (Y/N): Yes If Yes, from where/what kind (Gourmet, Pizza, etc): (Y/N): Gourmet	
	For the last four years, Liberty in North Korea has been coming to do events at Manhattan College. LiNK is a small grass roots nonprofit that focuses on the human rights issues in North Korea, and educates people on what they can do to help. The \$1000 will cover 2 semesters of LiNK events; including honorariums and food.	
	<b>Description</b>	
<b>Request #2</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Hunting Ground/Speaker</p>	
	<b>Amount \$1000</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>
	Number of People Expected: 100 Food (Y/N): Yes If Yes, from where/what kind (Gourmet, Pizza, etc): (Y/N): Gourmet	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Please Enter a DETAILED Description of Your Event Here with Itemized Prices if Possible!</p> <p>The Hunting Ground is a new film that debuted at the Sundance Film Festival this year. The film focuses on sexual assault on college campuses and what students should be doing to end this. The film itself costs \$400. We hope to have multiple events surrounding the film during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is in April.</p>	



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	<b>Description</b>	
<b>Request #3</b>	Puppies for Peace	
	<b>Amount \$500</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>
	Number of People Expected: 500 Food (Y/N): No If Yes, from where/what kind (Gourmet, Pizza, etc): (Y/N):No	
	JustPeace would like to host an event during both finals week. Most colleges across the country have events in which they bring dogs from Animal Shelters in order to have students play with them. Studies show that playing with animals, especially dogs, in high stress situations helps to greater lower your stress rate. JustPeace would love to collaborate with a local animal shelter in order to help both students and the animals. The \$500 would cover any costs associated with the two events (one per semester) as well as cover advertising costs.	
	<b>Description</b>	

Please copy the textbox and paste again for additional requests

<b>Request #4</b>	No Water Bottle Month	
	<b>Amount \$500</b>	<b>Name of</b>



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		Event
	Number of People Expected: 100+ Food (Y/N): No If Yes, from where/what kind (Gourmet, Pizza, etc): (Y/N): No	
	For the past two semesters, JustPeace and other clubs have created a “No Water Bottle Month” in order to decrease the amount of plastic water bottles used at Manhattan College. Next year, we would like to buy items such as reusable water bottles, in order to raffle them off to those people who sign a pledge to not use plastic bottles for an entire month.	
	<b>Description</b>	
<b>Request #5</b>	Peace Week	
	<b>Amount \$1000</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>
	Number of People Expected: 100+ Food (Y/N): Yes If Yes, from where/what kind (Gourmet, Pizza, etc): (Y/N): Gourmet	
	Every year, the Peace Studies department has a Peace Week. This week highlights the Peace Studies major, while having events with various speakers about peace. JustPeace would like to help out and host some of these events. In the past, JustPeace has used their budget to get organizations such as Calling All Crows to Manhattan College, as well as performers such as Chad Stokes from Dispatch.	
	<b>Description</b>	





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<b>Request #6</b>	Pizza and a Movie	
	<b>Amount \$500</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>
	Number of People Expected: 20 people per week Food (Y/N): Yes If Yes, from where/what kind (Gourmet, Pizza, etc): (Y/N): Broadway Joe's	
	JustPeace holds various Pizza and a Movie events on Fridays during the semesters. During this time, we order pizza and show order to educate people about events that are happening all over the world. This helps to educate people on social justice events that are presently happening. The money will be used for the pizza and soda every week.	
	<b>Description</b>	
<b>Request #7</b>	Mental Health Events	
	<b>Amount \$500</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>
	Number of People Expected: N/A Food (Y/N): No If Yes, from where/what kind (Gourmet, Pizza, etc): (Y/N): No	
	During this semester, JustPeace had a mental Health Poster Campaign, in conjunction	



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	with the Counseling Center. Next year we would like to expand this idea, by creating better posters to help those with mental health issues seek proper counseling. The money will be used to continue the Mental Health Poster Campaign.	
	<b>Description</b>	
<b>Request #8</b>	Racial Justice Event	
	<b>Amount \$500</b>	<b>Name of Event</b>
	Number of People Expected: 50 Food (Y/N): Yes If Yes, from where/what kind (Gourmet, Pizza, etc): (Y/N): Gourmet	
	With recent events happening all over the United States, it is imperative that JustPeace covers an event that pertains to issues of race and social justice. The preliminary idea is to have either a speaker or a panel event, where students can have an open dialogue about these issues. The money will be used to cover advertising, honorariums, and food.	
	<b>Description</b>	

**In Addition:** We hope to continue to spread awareness on humanitarian issues and promote social action with these events above. Thank you for considering us for this funding. I would just like to note the reason that JustPeace did not use its entire budget during the 2014-2015 year. Due to the various inclement weather events, we were not able to have as many meetings/events as we normally do. We plan on using our entire budget in the 2015-2016 year. Thank you.

### **New Executive Board:**

Ryan Waters: President

Thomas Reid: Vice President

Katelyn Conroy: Secretary



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Sarah Kissane: Treasurer

Olivia Smith: Publicist

Maggie Kavanagh: Discussion Leader

**To follow are some of the minutes from the spring semester. This should give you an idea of how their meetings were run. For more information, contact [Natia.Bueno@panys.org](mailto:Natia.Bueno@panys.org)**

### **JustPeace Meeting 4/8/15**

Tom's Poster Campaign

-Still putting finishing touches on it; will have them ready ASAP

No Water Bottle Month

-JP will most likely do a Pizza and a Movie event this coming Friday about how "War isn't Green"  
(4/10)

Take Back the Night Event

- Still going to be on 4/21. 4pm on the Quad

The Hunting Ground

-Not going to happen this semester. \$400 and not enough time so we are going to make this a Fall Semester Event

Park Clean Up

-Officially on 4/19 at 11PM in Brust park

Peace and Planet Conference

-Most people can't go to the actual conference because of SpringFest

-Hoping to have a good turnout for the rally/march



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### Hobart & William Smith Colleges – Fall 2014/Spring 2015

**PANYS@HWS**

**Student Organizer: Maddalena Revel**

\*The fall semester was spend building the chapter. It takes about one semester to become fully recognized.

#### **Members:**

- Maddalena Revel: President, [maddalena.revel@gmail.com](mailto:maddalena.revel@gmail.com), sophomore
- Colleen Moore- Public relations [COLLEEN.MOORE@hws.edu](mailto:COLLEEN.MOORE@hws.edu), junior
- Elleleanor Smith- treasurer [ELLELEANOR.SMITH@hws.edu](mailto:ELLELEANOR.SMITH@hws.edu), first year
- Kimberly Gutierrez- vice president [KIMBERLY.GUTIERREZ@hws.edu](mailto:KIMBERLY.GUTIERREZ@hws.edu), sophomore
- Dominique Derubeis- secretary [DOMINIQUE.DERUBEIS@hws.edu](mailto:DOMINIQUE.DERUBEIS@hws.edu), first year

**Meetings** were held for the first part of the semester Mondays at 1:20 at the IC and the other half of the semester Wednesday at 7pm in Stern 101.

#### **Events held this semester:**

- Info session 1: March 10<sup>th</sup> we held the first info session. 1 person showed up but a couple more said they would come but were too busy with midterms. We promoted the club and talked about goals the club had for the semester.
- Info session 2: April 2<sup>nd</sup> we held the second info session that was more successful with 7 people. We repeated the information because the crowd was different than the previous one.
- Campaign 1: Diplomacy with Iran→ April 27<sup>th</sup> we held the first campaign in the Scandling Center. The previous week we had put up posters with facts that would make people think about the issue and then that day we were tabling and talking to people about the campaign and sponsoring the club. More or less we will have talked to 30 people. There were some good conversations with some students and with others we just advertised the club, which were both very useful for getting known on campus!
- Campaign 2: Black lives matter→ May 1<sup>st</sup>, along with the Black Lives Matter coalition made up of students, faculty, and community members, PeaceAction@HWS held a protest to stand in solidarity with Baltimore and the Black Lives Matter movement. The group got together to make posters for the protest. The event itself was attended by about 20-25 people. We started off with a performance by the social justice theater group on campus, Mosaic NY, who did a skit on police brutality. We then marched out to Hamilton Street while chanting with our posters. We marched on the outskirts of campus, going up to South Main and down past the quad back to Scandling. We ended with speeches by various attendees. Overall, it was a great event!

**Facebook** page has 66 likes: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Peace-Action-HWS/1017144304986158?fref=ts>



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### Plans for next year include:

1. DEBATES (2): one with the debate team and one either just by us or with the black student union (depends if we want to continue with the black lives matter campaign).
2. Speaker events (2): Young memorial prize winner Colleen Moore with the human and genocide symposium club and the speaker Natia Bueno suggested when we spoke in April.
3. Campaigns (2): one done through social media (on ISIS) and the other one via tabling perhaps.
4. We need to re-propose at BAC for some food if we want food at the speaker's event. If not, we are all set because this spring we proposed and got the money we needed.

### 2/2/15 Minutes for PANY@HWS

1. Decided to Provide a sign-up sheet at info session
2. Rescheduled meeting
3. Decided when tabling
4. Talk to Sara about logo

### Tabling schedule

**2/3/15**

Kim+Maddie: 11:10—11:45 table

Maddie: 12:30-1:30 table

Kim+Maddie: 6-8

**2/4/15**

No lunch table

Kim+ Maddie: 6—8 table dinner

**2/5/15**

Kim+Maddie: 11:10—11:45 table

**2/9/15**

Kim: 11:30—1pm

Maddie: 6:30-7:30

### 4/30/2015

Next campaign: Social Media (ISIS)

- \* Idea: "Attacking" patrons to tell them our stance and ask for their participation.
- \* Viability and success of this?
- \* It's at the point where it's at the end of the year...
- \* We don't have a stable member base, so we have to work for that next semester.

New Idea



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- \* Co-sponsor "Black Lives Matter" on Friday with Aly McKnight and other groups (Dom Miller, Sankofa). Tabling at lunch and something downtown in Geneva Friday afternoon.
- \* What can we do to help?
- \* Colleen is following up with Chaplain Adams and others.
- \* When we meet tomorrow, we might be able to make a couple posters to contribute.

### Next Semester Ideas

- \* Newsletter, bulletin, or pamphlet (unique of its kind)
  - \* Welcome nonmembers to contribute
  - \* Takes place of blog
- \* Continue planning for symposium, speakers, and two additional campaigns
- \* Set up Google Drive or project manager

**Syracuse University – Fall 2014/Spring 2015**



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**Peace Action Syracuse University**  
**Student Organizer: Felicia Romain**

### E-board

1. Felicia Romain – President (Junior, [fkromain@syr.edu](mailto:fkromain@syr.edu))
2. Jade Lee – Vice President (Junior, [jdlee06@syr.edu](mailto:jdlee06@syr.edu))
3. Whitley Williams – Secretary (Junior, [wswillia@syr.edu](mailto:wswillia@syr.edu))
4. Alexis Rinck – Programming Chair (Sophomore, [amrinck@syr.edu](mailto:amrinck@syr.edu))
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6. Candace Higgins – Treasurer (Sophomore, [chiggi02@syr.edu](mailto:chiggi02@syr.edu))
7. Whitney Garcia – Parliamentary (Sophomore, [wigarcia@syr.edu](mailto:wigarcia@syr.edu))
8. Cheyenne Lee – Social Media [2<sup>nd</sup> PR chair] (Junior, [cslee02@syr.edu](mailto:cslee02@syr.edu))

### Meeting Dates

1. Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (4:30-5:30 pm) @ Goldstein Student Center
2. Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> (4:30-5:30 pm) @ Goldstein Student Center
3. Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> (4:30-5:30 pm) @ Goldstein Student Center
4. Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (4:30-5:30 pm) @ Goldstein Student Center
5. Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (4:30-5:30 pm) @ Goldstein Student Center
6. Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (4:30-5:30 pm) @ Goldstein Student Center
7. Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> (4:30-5:30 pm) @ Goldstein Student Center
8. Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> (4:30-5:30 pm) @ Goldstein Student Center
9. Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (4:30-5:30 pm) @ Goldstein Student Center

### **\*Spring 2015**

The chapter is still established on campus, but the student organizer has been difficult to get a hold of. After a lot of emails, texts and calls, I decided to find a replacement within the board for the fall of 2015.





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### Union College – Fall 2014/Spring 2015

Union College

Student Organizer: Kathryn Wall

#### Board

Robert Hislope	Faculty Advisor	<a href="mailto:hisloper@union.edu">hisloper@union.edu</a>
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Haley Stone '18	Member	<a href="mailto:stoneh@union.edu">stoneh@union.edu</a>

#### Notes (from end of **Fall 2014**):

- General Interest Meeting - Tuesday, November 11, 1-1:50 Room 301 Reamer Campus Center
- Promotional event, speaking about PANYS mission and all it has to offer to students - November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pizza and Politics Meeting, Lippman 016, 40 people (students and faculty)
- Decided with Natia to hold off on making a Facebook and Twitter page until fully recognized and supported by school
- liked the PANYS Facebook page
- Planning on holding a second general interest meeting within first few weeks of the next term, hope to hold biweekly subsequent meetings as well as partner with a Minerva to have a peace / social justice speaker.
- Submitted a writing assignment on the topic of the progress of Peace Action Union

#### Spring 2015

Unfortunately Union will not be continuing as a chapter, the Student organizer was overwhelmed with homework, the chapter was recognized in January of 2015 by the college, and I am actively looking for a replacement for Fall 2015.



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### **Skidmore – Fall 2014/Spring 2015**

#### **Student Organizer: Jia Li Lu (Carol)**

The Student Organizer had to get 300 signatures to be formally established on campus. To this date, she has not gathered the signatures.

### **Canisius – Fall 2014/Spring 2015**

#### **Student Organizer: Shelby Arena**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the chapter at Canisius College was not able to re-start this past school year.

### **StonyBrook– Fall 2014/Spring 2015\***

#### **Student Organizer: Eseosa Osayi**

The student organizer was not able to complete all of the requirements to build a chapter, But a \*NEW\* organizer has been hired for the fall

### **New Paltz– Fall 2015\***

Odile Zoungrana has been hired to start as an organizer in the fall of 2015

### **Baruch– Fall 2015\***

It is down to two students in the running to become the next organizer. Update to follow.



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# Projected Schedule: 2015-2016 School Year\*

### Projects

- 1) Daily Briefings- to keep students up to date on current events ( already in place)
- 2) Nuclear Savage Film screenings with Q&A from speakers
- 3) War isn't Green
- 4) "Commit Universities to Peace" Project
- 5) Peace News
- 6) Sept 26- Activity- thunderclap

### Continuous Schedule

#### 1. **Over the Summer**

- ❖ Send Student Packets: T-shirt, Hibakusha stories, Student Organizing Manual, Responsibilities checklist, Cranes, Nuclear Savage DVDs, Tote bag, buttons, PA Cards.
- ❖ Update Student Organizing Manual
- ❖ Send out per-school requirements for school year
- ❖ Find an annual calendar that can be shared
- ❖ Take notes on video trainings: <http://www.leadershipinstitute.org/ActivismOnDemand/>
- ❖ Type up Checklist: Minutes, attendance, Do I have their board members?
- ❖ Peace Poems? ( nurturing the peace makers in our students)
- ❖ Grants
- ❖ War isn't Green online start (<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceActionNY?fref=ts>)

#### 2. **Each Day**

- ❖ Briefings

#### 3. **Each Week**

- ❖ To Be received: Minutes from each campus Meeting
- ❖ New fact on Nuclear weapons ( courtesy of War isn't Green via Facebook)

#### 4. **Each Month**

- ❖ Updates for Students and PANYS
- ❖ Possibly weekly updates as well

#### 5. **Conference Calls**

**All conference call will contain a check in: Each chapter tells us what they are up to.**

- ❖ Set Reminders: Three Days before, One Day before & Day of call
- ❖ Dial Number : (712) 775-7031
- ❖ Meeting ID: 818-403-960



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### Weekly Schedule

Fall 2015

#### 6. TWO WEEKS BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS:

- ❖ Send out Doodle- conference calls
- ❖ Distribute “War Isn't Green” Campaign info
- ❖ Nuclear Savage
- ❖ Make sure all students have access to Facebook
- ❖ Confirm receipt of all materials

#### 7. WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL: CALL CURRENT SOs / INTERNS

- ❖ Training: Student Organizer Manual
- ❖ Send out Nuclear Savage Info
- ❖ Flyer Making Workshop
- ❖ Send out Flyers for joining PANYS student club

#### 8. WEEK 1: Send out doodle for semester conference call.

- ❖ Welcome Letter
- ❖ Ask for confirmation of first meeting of semester

#### 9. WEEK 2: Conference Call

- ❖ Go over requirements for the semester
- ❖ Lesson: Take Risks, but take care
- ❖ Lesson: Direct Action carries risks
- ❖ Go over War Isn't Green campaign
- ❖ Event Reports (Send out blank ones)
- ❖ Nuclear Savage Discussion
- ❖ Projects for Peace( summer 2016): <http://www.davisprojectsforpeace.org/qa>
- ❖ Peace Grant (campus work): <http://www.leadershipinstitute.org/campus/?Resources=5>
- ❖ Have all Sos share our Facebook page

#### 10. WEEK 3: Request Calendar for School Year- Due Week 3-4

- ❖ Lesson: The Real action is your Target's Reaction
- ❖ Deadline: Target Date for Nuclear Savage screenings
- ❖ Deadline: List of all board members

#### 11. WEEK 4: Conference Call

- ❖ Lesson: Creative Disruption
- ❖ Reminder: Calendar for School Year Due



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- ❖ Reminder: Event reports due for all Events
12. **WEEK 5:** Meeting of Treasurers and P.R members
  13. **WEEK 6:** Conference Call
    - ❖ *Calendar of projected events for school year to be submitted*
    - ❖ Lesson: Strategic Non-Violence or Invisible Theatre
    - ❖ Explain Civil Disobedience and Cacerolazo (Beautiful Trouble)
  14. **Week 7:**
    - ❖ Lesson: Team up with experts, but don't be the expert... be a tactician (person behind scenes)
    - ❖ Lesson: Hold a Teach-In about tactics such as blockades and direct action (emphasize strength in numbers) (From Beautiful Trouble)
  15. **Week 8:** Conference Call:
    - ❖ Reminder: Calendar must be updated
  16. **Week 9:** Reiterate importance of expanding the cause
    - ❖ Call members, email listserv, provide flyers to expand membership (mid-semester push)
    - ❖ Generate growth rates between beginning of semester to now
  17. **Week 10:** Conference Call
    - Check in on projects for Peace
  18. **Week 11:** TBD
  19. **Week 12:**Conference Call
  20. **Week 13:**TBD
  21. **Week 14:**Closing Conference Call
    - ❖ Action Plan: Next semester
  22. **Week 15:**Stipends, final reports, evaluations

### Spring 2016

- 1) **Before Week 1:** Send out doodle for New semester
- 2) **Week 1:** Conference call
  - ❖ Go over anything new, reminders from last semester (event reports, minutes, etc.). See: Previous Week 1-2.
  - ❖



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3) **TBD-** Rest of semester Based on previous semester & annual meeting

\*Note: Schedule is subject to changes as the year progresses.