

## **Participant Biographies**

### **Sanam Anderlini**

*Gender, Peace, and Security Specialist; MIT Research Affiliate*

Sanam Anderlini is an independent researcher, trainer, adviser and analyst working with the UN, World Bank, and bilateral donors on issues of gender, peace and security. As director of the Women Waging Peace Policy Commission from 2002 to 2005, she developed and edited a series of case studies on women's contributions to peace processes. Between 1998-2000, she was the senior policy adviser at International Alert, leading advocacy efforts to attain UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security. Ms. Anderlini has written extensively on these issues, including *Women at the Peace Table: Making a Difference* (UNIFEM 2000), and *Negotiating the Transition to Democracy and Reforming the Security Sector: The Vital Contributions of South African Women* (Hunt Alternatives Fund 2004). In 1996, she co-authored *Civil Wars, Civil Peace: An Introduction to Conflict Resolution*. She was editor and lead contributor of *Inclusive Security, Sustainable Peace: A Toolkit for Advocacy and Action* (Women Waging Peace/International Alert 2004). In 2005 she was appointed as Research Associate of MIT's Center for International Studies. She is currently involved with coexistence and democracy efforts in the Middle East. Her new book *Women Building Peace: What they Do, Why it Matters* will be published by Lynne Rienner in 2007.

### **Louis Aucoin**

*Institute for Human Security Associate Research Professor - Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University*

Louis Aucoin is currently Associate Research Professor at the Institute for Human Security, Tufts University. He was previously Program Officer in the Rule of Law Program, United States Institute of Peace (2000-2003); Supreme Court Fellow, United States Supreme Court Judicial Fellows Program (2001-2002); and Consultant, Justice in Times of Transition Project (March 2002-present). He has also taught at Boston University School of Law (1984-2000); ESSEC (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales); Université de Poitiers, and Ecole des Hautes Etudes Internationales, Paris. He is Co-founder, The Mekong Delta Regional Law Center and Member of The Association of American Law Schools, Section on International and Comparative Law and The American Society of International Law.

### **Eileen Babbitt**

*Professor of International Conflict Management Practice - Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University*

Eileen F. Babbitt is Professor of International Conflict Management Practice and Director of the International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Program at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. She is also a Faculty Associate of the Program on Negotiation at the Harvard Law School and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Her research interests include identity-based conflicts; coexistence

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and trust-building in the aftermath of civil war; and the interface between human rights concerns and peacebuilding. Her practice as a facilitator and trainer has included work in the Middle East, the Balkans, and with U.S. government agencies, regional inter-governmental organizations, and international and local NGOs. Before joining the Fletcher faculty, Professor Babbitt was Director of Education and Training at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. and Deputy Director of the Program on International Conflict Analysis and Resolution at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. Professor Babbitt's latest publications include the forthcoming book, *Principled Peace: Conflict Resolution and Human Rights in Intrastate Conflict*, University of Michigan Press; and *Negotiating Self-Determination*, co-edited with Hurst Hannum and published by Lexington Books. Dr. Babbitt holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a Ph.D. from MIT.

### **Jessica Berns**

*Program Manager - Coexistence International at Brandeis University*

Jessica joined Brandeis in 2005 as Program Manager for Coexistence International (CI). As Program Manager she oversees all activities and programming conducted by CI and is responsible for program administration, fundraising, communications, supervision of staff and students, reporting to the Coexistence International Advisory Board, and liaisoning with CI's learning and evaluation partners. Jessica also serves as the Convener for two specific areas of work: Strategic Networking and Donor Engagement in Building a Complementary Approach to Coexistence Work. At the start of her tenure, Jessica led the participatory strategic planning process from June - September 2005 that created the framework for CI's work. Before coming to CI, Jessica spent five years in Berlin, Germany at Transparency International, the international anti-corruption non-governmental organization. While there, she worked closely with the Latin American civil society network and in the production of communication and advocacy tools. Jessica developed and edited the Corruption Fighters' Tool Kit. Jessica holds a Master's Degree in Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School and a B.A. in Spanish from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She speaks Spanish and German and has lived and worked in Latin America and Europe. Jessica is a Board Member of the Alliance for Peacebuilding and sits on the Advisory Board of the 3D Security Initiative. Jessica is the Chair of the Board of the Children's Center of Brookline.

### **Steven Burg**

*Professor of International Politics & Chair - Politics Department, Brandeis University*

Steven L. Burg is Adlai E. Stevenson Professor of International Politics and Chair of the politics department at Brandeis. His most recent book, co-authored with Paul S. Shoup, *The War in Bosnia-Herzegovina: Ethnic Conflict and International Intervention*, was awarded the year 2000 Ralph J. Bunche Prize of the American Political Science Association for "the best scholarly work in political science which explores the phenomenon of ethnic and cultural pluralism". Burg is the author of more than 40 published articles and more than 50 papers on Soviet, Yugoslav, and post-Yugoslav

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politics and on ethnic conflict. He is also the author of several books, including *Conflict and Cohesion in Socialist Yugoslavia*, and *War or Peace? Nationalism, Democracy and American Foreign Policy in Post-Communist Europe (A Twentieth Century Fund Book)*. He is co-author, with the late Roy Macridis, of *Introduction to Comparative Politics: Regimes and Regime Change*. He served as co-chair of the 1993 International Workshop on Peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He served as the principal consultant to the project on the South Balkans of the Center for Preventive Action of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and was the principal author of *Toward Comprehensive Peace in Southeast Europe: Conflict Prevention in the South Balkans*, the report of the South Balkans Working Group, edited by Barnett Rubin. Currently, Burg is participating in efforts to foster inter-ethnic accommodation and prevent further ethnic conflict in the Balkans through his association with the Project on Ethnic Relations, and has documented these efforts in a series of reports available from the Project. Burg teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on West European, East European, and Balkan politics; on ethnic conflict and conflict management; and on regime change and democratization. He received his B.A. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, his M.A. in Russian Area Studies from Hunter College of the City University of New York, and his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago.

**Maja Catic**

*Member, Board of Directors - Community of Bosnia*

Maja Catic is a Ph.D. candidate at the Politics Department at Brandeis University. Her dissertation - a case study of Bosnia-Herzegovina - focuses on legitimization debates in the context of externally-sponsored state building in a deeply divided society. From 2005-2006 she was a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Fellow in Bosnia. Since 2004 she has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Community of Bosnia, currently a Sarajevo-based NGO. Her research interests include nationalism and ethnic politics; state building and external intervention; peace implementation, return, reconciliation, reconstruction, and reintegration.

**Diana Chigas**

*Project Co-Director, Reflecting on Peace Practice – Collaborative for Development Action, Inc.*

Diana Chigas is currently Co-Director of the Reflecting on Peace Practice project at CDA-Collaborative Learning Projects since 2003, working with non-governmental and inter-governmental agencies to improve the impact of peace programming and development and humanitarian assistance on peace and conflict. She was previously a Fellow at the Fletcher School's Center for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution (2002-2003). Prior to Fletcher, she was a Senior Associate and Regional Director for Europe and the former Soviet Union for Conflict Management Group (CMG), advising international organizations, non-governmental organizations and governments in peacebuilding, negotiation and conflict resolution. Director, program on Preventive Diplomacy in the OSCE at CMG (1989-1992); program on Conflict Management in Cyprus (1993-2003); facilitated "track two" discussions and provided training and advice

to the negotiating teams of the government in El Salvador and the FMLN, and with negotiators in the South African constitutional negotiations and in the Georgia/South Ossetia peace process.

### **Cynthia Cohen**

*Executive Director - Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence, Brandeis University*

Cynthia Cohen is Executive Director of the Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence and director of Coexistence Research and International Collaborations, provides intellectual and administrative leadership for the components of the Slifka Program and manages the development of research and action partnerships with coexistence organizations around the world as well as projects on the Brandeis campus. She oversees the work of Coexistence International and is principal investigator in an ongoing inquiry into Creative Approaches to Coexistence and Reconciliation. She previously directed the international fellowship program Recasting Reconciliation through Culture and the Arts. She teaches at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Cohen was the founding director of the Oral History Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and has facilitated coexistence efforts involving participants from the Middle East, the United States, Central America, and Sri Lanka. She holds a Ph.D. in education from the University of New Hampshire, and a master's in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cohen is the author of *Working with Integrity: A Guidebook for Peacebuilders Asking Ethical Questions*. She writes on the ethical and aesthetic dimensions of reconciliation and has published related chapters and articles in conflict resolution, women's studies, and education; and manages the virtual resource center *Creative Resources for Coexistence and Reconciliation*, where working papers, portfolios and other publications emerging from Brandeis programs can be accessed.

### **Mari Fitzduff**

*Director - Master's Program in Coexistence and Conflict, Brandeis University*

Mari Fitzduff is currently professor and director of the international MA program in Coexistence and Conflict at Brandeis University. From 1997 to 2003, she held a Chair of Conflict Studies at the University of Ulster where she was director of UNU/INCORE, which addresses the management of ethnic, political, and religious conflict through an integrated approach using research, training, policy, program, and practice development. From 1990 to 1997, she was chief executive of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council, which works with government, statutory bodies, trade unions, churches, community groups, security groups, ex-prisoners, businesses, and politicians, developing programs and training to address issues of conflict resolution in Northern Ireland. She has also worked on programs addressing conflict issues in many countries -- including the Basque Country, Sri Lanka, the Middle East, and Indonesia -- and is utilized as an international expert by many governments and international organizations on issues of conflict and coexistence. Her publications include *Beyond Violence: Conflict Resolution Processes in Northern Ireland* (2002), published by the United Nations University Press/Brookings, which was winner of an American Library Notable Publications Award; *Community Conflict Skills*, which was first published in 1988 and is

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now in its fourth edition; and *NGO's at the Table*, published by Rowan and Littlefield in 2004. Her most recent publication is *The Psychology of Resolving Global Conflicts*, a three-volume series which she co-edited with Chris Stout, published by Praeger Press in spring 2006.

**Senator Mobina Jaffer**

*Parliament of Canada*

Born in Uganda, Mobina Jaffer was educated in both England and Canada, earning her bachelor of laws degree (LL.B.) from London University in England and going on to complete the Executive Development Program at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia. The first East Indian woman lawyer in British Columbia, Mobina has an extensive record of achievement in the areas of equality and justice for women of colour and the struggle to end violence against all women. Appointed to the Senate in 2001 as the first East Indian, first Muslim, first African, she continues to bring issues of human rights and other important issues to her colleagues in the Parliament of Canada. From 2002-2006 Senator Jaffer held the position of Canada's Special Envoy for Peace in Sudan. As the Special Envoy, Senator Jaffer worked with the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Sudanese Community and the Diplomatic Community to assist the people of Sudan in the search for peace. Senator Jaffer travelled to the region many times representing the Canadian Government. From May 2005 to March 2006 she was also a member of the Prime Minister's Special Advisory Team focusing on the implementation of the Peace Process in Sudan. Senator Jaffer's long-time advocacy of enabling Sudanese women to participate in the Peace negotiations was finally achieved for the first time in the fall of 2005. Senator Jaffer also took on the role as the Chair of the Canadian Committee on Women, Peace & Security from 2002-2005. Her belief that the key to peace is the inclusion of women in the peace process, was outlined in the United Nations 1325 (2000) Resolution. As Chair of the Canadian Committee of Women, Peace & Security she held roundtables on racial profiling, finding peaceful solutions to Middle-East warring, and the plight of Afghani and Iraqi women. Mobina has been very involved with the Liberal Party of Canada in various roles. She served as the Vice-President (English) of the Liberal Party of Canada, as the President of the National Women's Liberal Commission, on the board of Liberal International, and as the Chair of the management board of the International Network of Liberal Women. Within the community Senator Jaffer is a supporter of a vast array of local community-based organizations, firmly believing that it takes the concerted efforts of a community to achieve our collective goals.

**Theodore Johnson**

*Assistant Professor - Master's Program in Coexistence and Conflict, Brandeis University*

Theodore A. Johnson is an assistant professor of conflict and coexistence in the Slifka Program for the 2006-07 academic year. In the fall, he will be teaching a course in International Mediation as well as a short course on Research Methodology. In the spring, he will be teaching a short course on Conflict and Deveopment and a short course on Trends in Diversity Management. Prior to his appointment at Brandeis, Mr. Johnson

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was a Senior Program Manager and in-house legal counsel with Mercy Corps and Conflict Management Group managing the organization's work with UN humanitarian organizations including WHO, FAO, UNCTAD, and UNEP. In his work at Mercy Corps, he also served as a consultant and trainer in numerous negotiation and dispute resolution programs in various conflict areas including South Africa, Cyprus, the Caucuses and the Middle East. In South Africa he assisted in building community mediation processes in post Apartheid South Africa, in Cyprus, he assisted in a Track II capacity-building process as well as with the Cyprus American Scholars Program. In the Middle East, he has done extensive work in Iraq working with Kurdish universities to design and implement conflict resolution programs, and with regional and local leaders from Shi'ite communities in South Central Iraq. In each of these programs, the aim was to build negotiation, communication, and problem-solving capacities. In the Caucuses Mr. Johnson worked with young leaders from several communities in Armenia to develop negotiation and leadership skills. Mr. Johnson has designed a nationally recognized community-based youth conflict resolution program which has been used extensively in Boston and Chicago. Johnson holds a Juris Doctor degree from Western State University, a Master's in International Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, and is an ABD for his PhD also from the Fletcher School at Tufts.

**Allen Kassof**

*President Emeritus and Senior Adviser - Project on Ethnic Relations*

Allen Kassof is President Emeritus and Senior Adviser at the Project on Ethnic Relations (PER), which he established in 1991 and where he served as President until 2005. PER works in Central and Eastern Europe to promote the peaceful resolution of ethnic conflicts and is a leading U.S. private organization mediating ethnic disputes in the region. Among his PER duties, Kassof chaired the roundtable talks between representatives of the Romanian government and the Democratic Union of Hungarians in Romania. He also chaired the Slovakia roundtable, which conducted the discussions between the ruling coalition, opposition parties, and the Hungarian ethnic parties of the Slovak Republic. He headed the roundtables on Albanians and Their Neighbors, a key regional forum bringing together political leaders from the Western Balkans and the international community, and chaired the discussions between representatives of the Montenegrin government and leaders of that country's Albanian community. He currently chairs the Mavrovo Roundtables, a series of discussions between ethnic Albanian and Macedonian political leaders. Kassof was founding director of the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX), a position he held from 1968 until 1992. (IREX was the principal U.S. institution organizing research and policy exchanges with the USSR and Eastern Europe.) He was on the faculty of Smith College from 1957-1961 and was a Princeton University faculty member from 1961 to 1973. Kassof was born in New York City in 1930. He graduated from Rutgers University in 1952. In 1954 he received the A.M. degree in Regional and International Studies, and in 1960 the Ph.D. in Sociology, both from Harvard University.

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**Abdul Wahab Musah**

*Program Officer - Ghana Center for Democratic Development*

Abdul Wahab Musah is a Program Officer at the Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana). He has been at the forefront of the Center's programs on promoting National Reconciliation. A product of the University of Ghana, Legon, he specialized in Political Science and Sociology. He has a M.Sc. in International Relations and Development from the Aalborg University in Denmark. He has received strong training in social science and has a keen interest in democracy and governance issues particularly transitional justice and human rights issues. He is a transitional justice fellow and has a Diploma in Transitional Justice from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

**Barbara Nelson**

*Dean, School of Public Affairs – UCLA*

Barbara J. Nelson was named the first permanent dean of the UCLA School of Public Affairs (formerly the School of Public Policy and Social Research) on November 1, 1996. Prior to her appointment as Dean and Professor of Public Policy, she was Vice President and Distinguished Professor of Public Policy at Radcliffe College where her portfolio included academic program and strategic planning. Dr. Nelson's fields of expertise include conflict mediation in civil society, social and economic policy, organizational theory and behavior, and social movements. Dean Nelson has worked or done research in 24 countries, and has made major contributions to policy making and civic life in the United States and abroad. She is the founder of The Concord Project, which conducts research and provides executive education on building bridging social capital—the human and organizational resources that span social differences. She is the Co-Director of the National Commission on Reducing Infant Mortality, sponsored by the Health Policy Institute of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Dr. Nelson is the 2004 recipient of Harry Scoville Award from the Los Angeles Chapter of ASPA, for her academic and leadership accomplishments in starting the UCLA policy school. Dr. Nelson was a founding member of the Minnesota Supreme Court's Task Force on Gender Equity in the Courts. She consulted with the Swedish Government on its Parliamentary Commission on Power and Democracy, and has worked with several United Nations organizations on questions of economic development and political participation. Before her appointment at Radcliffe, Barbara Nelson served on the faculties of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, where she was Director of the Center on Women and Public Policy. She earned her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in political science at Ohio State University, where she was elected to Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honorary society.

**Hon. Amongi Betty Ongom**

*Member of Parliament, Uganda*

Active in both her nation's parliament and its peace process, Betty Amongi-Ongom has served Uganda in a variety of ways. She is the chair of the Uganda chapter of AMANI, also known as the Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace; and she chairs the

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observer mission to the Juba peace talks between the government and the LRA. She is also Uganda's delegate to the African Caribbean and Pacific-European Union Joint Parliamentary Assembly (ACP-EU-JPA). As an opposition member of parliament, Ms. Amongi-Ongom was one of only five women who agitated for the Ugandan constitutional change from one-party system to a multi-party system, which was introduced in Uganda in 2005. She is a women's rights advocate, a peace builder, and a critic of the current government policies in Uganda. She is an independent member of parliament. Ms. Amongi-Ongom has also served as the coordinator of the Northern Uganda Women's Forum since 2004. She has been Uganda's expert on democracy, good governance, and gender in the UN/African Union Conference on Peace and Security in the Great Lakes Region since 2004. From 2001 to 2004, Ms. Amongi-Ongom was the publicity secretary for the Uganda Women Parliamentary Association; as of 2006, she is the finance secretary for the Network of African Women Ministers and Parliamentarians. Ms. Amongi-Ongom holds a master's degree in international relations and diplomatic studies.

**Madhawa Palihapitiya**

*MA Student - Coexistence and Conflict, Brandeis University*

Madhawa Palihapitiya is a native of Sri Lanka, where he works with local populations in order to build communities, settle conflicts, and cope with natural disasters. He is presently employed by the Foundation for Co-Existence (FCE), where he is a Programs Manager responsible for an Early Warning and Early Response system for preventing conflicts, a Land Rights program, and many other peace building and relief efforts. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Colombo, where he majored in English while minoring in International Relations, Economics, Demography, and Journalism.

**Tim Phillips**

*Cofounder - Project on Justice in Times of Transition, Tufts University*

Timothy Phillips is a founding co-chair of the Project on Justice in Times of Transition at Tufts University, a project recognized globally for its significant contributions to the field of transitional justice, the Northern Ireland peace process, reconciliation in El Salvador and Nicaragua, and the establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa. Mr. Phillips has served as a consultant to non-governmental and governmental organizations in the United States and abroad, including USAID and the Council of Europe, on democratization, conflict resolution and human rights initiatives. Mr. Phillips is a member of the Board of Directors and Advisors of the Foundation for a Civil Society, the University of the Middle East, the International Rescue Committee, Club of Madrid, and the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University. Mr. Phillips is also co-founder of Energia Global, Ltd., a pioneering developer and owner of private renewable energy facilities in Central and South America. He served as an advisor to the Government of Sri Lanka in the design and implementation of its peace process and has worked closely with leaders in several countries on conflict resolution and reconciliation initiatives. He presently serves as an Advisor to the William J. Clinton Foundation.

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**Kelley Ready**

*Associate Director of Academics - Sustainable International Development Program,  
Brandeis University*

Kelley Ready is Associate Director of Academics at the Sustainable International Development Master of Arts Program. Professor Ready is an anthropologist and human rights activist who has worked on issues of gender and sexuality in Central America. She has taught at a variety of universities in the CUNY system as well as Northeastern University and Holy Cross College. Her work with women and social movements has centered on Central America. She writes and speaks on human rights and women in El Salvador. Recently Kelley has been monitoring the Central American recipients of a small grant program of the Women in Development Office of USAID. These grants were provided to organizations working to improve women's labor rights in export industries. Her essay "*La Ciguanaba y el espíritu de las relaciones de género en El Salvador*" was published by Plumstock Mesoamerican Press and UNIFEM in 2002 in *Mujeres, Género e Historia: América Central Durante los Siglos XVIII, XIX, y XX* edited by Eugenia Rodríguez Sáenz.

**Robert Ricigliano**

*Director, Institute of World Affairs & Peace Studies Program – University of Wisconsin,  
Milwaukee*

Robert Ricigliano is the Director of Institute of World Affairs, and the Peace Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee where he teaches International Mediation and Negotiation through the Department of Communication. Mr. Ricigliano was a founding Board member of the Alliance for Peacebuilding, a consortium of leading U.S.-based conflict resolution NGOs and academic centers. Mr. Ricigliano has worked most recently with political parties in the new Iraqi Parliament and on the peace process in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has been involved in peacebuilding interventions in Russia, Georgia, Colombia, South Africa, and elsewhere. Mr. Ricigliano served on the first U.S. team ever to teach negotiation at the Soviet Foreign Ministry's Diplomatic Academy in Moscow and has trained diplomats and other government officials from Africa, Europe, Asia, and North America. He was also selected by the Secretary of the Interior to lead a first of its kind mediation of a land dispute. He was Executive Director of the Conflict Management Group and Associate Director of the Harvard Negotiation Project. He has developed core programs in diplomatic and governmental negotiation, preventive diplomacy, and inter-group conflict management.

**Gay Rosenblum-Kumar**

*Senior Public Administration Officer - UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs*

Gay Rosenblum-Kumar is a senior public administration officer in the Governance and Public Administration Branch of the UN Secretariat's Department of Economic and Social Affairs. She works with government officials and their civil society counterparts in divided societies to enhance their understanding of and capacities for mitigating and managing conflict constructively. The purpose of this work is to empower local stakeholders who would benefit from the peaceful resolution of conflict by imparting:

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skills to analyze, anticipate and respond to crisis; insights into how to defuse tensions in conflictual environments; and the ability to strengthen their country's development and governance with conflict resolution tools and techniques. This is done primarily by imparting skills for dialogue processes, consensus-building, participatory problem-solving and by organizing specific training in facilitation, mediation, negotiation and conflict transformation. Such capacity-building projects focus on: creating a cadre of skilled individuals; strengthening governance institutions in public Ministries or in the major branches of government such as the Parliament and the judiciary; and, promoting conflict-sensitive development practice and democratic governance. Ms. Rosenblum-Kumar is currently advising on UN conflict prevention/transformation projects in Bangladesh, Ghana, Guyana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, and Zimbabwe. Prior to joining the United Nations in 1989, she worked with several international NGOs on anti-apartheid and development issues.

**Romain Rurangirwa**

*MA Student - Coexistence and Conflict, Brandeis University*

Romain Rurangirwa is an ordained priest for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Butare in his native Rwanda. Romain was the Chancellor of Butare Diocese and Secretary to the Bishop, where he had the opportunity to meet with various political and religious leaders in Rwanda. He also organized the 2000 Year Jubilee of the Church. Romain became involved in the field of coexistence and conflict through his work with prisoners who were perceived as perpetrators in the genocide that took place in Rwanda in 1994, and widows and orphans who were victims of the genocide. Romain graduated from the Nyakibanda Major Seminary and the Weston Jesuit School of Theology.

**Ashad Sentongo**

*MA Student - Coexistence and Conflict, Brandeis University*

Ashad Sentongo has spent his professional life working as a teacher, peace activist, and community builder in his native Uganda, as well as in South Africa. For the last six years he has been a partner with Community Development Consultancy Co. Ltd., which works with various organizations on peace and educational development. In the past, Ashad also worked for the Africa Education Agency and the Southern Africa Dawa Network, and has been a consultant for various forums, including the Peace Education Forum and the Government and Political Parties Consultative Forum. In 2004, Ashad organized a national conference and five seminars on democracy and human rights, one in each of the five regions of Uganda. In 2005, Ashad worked with schools in Entebbe Municipality to generate knowledge and promote skills in resolving conflicts among teachers, students, parents and governing bodies. He was educated at Islamic University in Uganda and at the Dameline School of Management.

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**Martha Thompson**

*Program Manager, Rights in Humanitarian Crises - Unitarian Universalist Service Committee*

Martha Thompson is program manager for Rights in humanitarian crises for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. She works on programs in Aceh, Sri Lanka, Darfur, Pakistan and the US Gulf Coast. UUSC is developing a strong focus on how gender affects access to aid in conflict and emergency. She has taught in the Sustainable International Development at Brandeis University, on Development in Conflict Situations and Cuba as a Development Model. Thompson has lived and worked in Central America for 13 years, working in conflict situations there, specifically with displaced, refugees and population in the conflict zones. She spent four years working in Cuba for Oxfam Canada, setting up and implementing the Oxfam International Cuba program. She has done work on comparing and analyzing NGO experiences in conflict situations in Latin America, Southern Africa, and Asia and has published on work in conflict, gender issues in conflict situations and on various aspects of the Cuba development model. She received her B.A. from University of Toronto and her M.P.H. from the University of Hawaii.

**Roberto Varea**

*Assistant Professor - Performing Arts & Social Justice, University of San Francisco*

Roberto Varea began his career as an actor and director in his native city of Córdoba, Argentina. Upon receiving his MFA in Theater/Directing from UCSD in 1992, he moved to San Francisco where he makes his home. His research and creative work focuses on issues of performance and its relationship to state violence and resistance movements, issues that he has presented and lectured about in the US and abroad. He has directed numerous productions and workshops associated with new play development and community-driven issues and projects, particularly in the Latino - Chicano community. His directing work, which includes world or west coast premieres of works by Cherrie Moraga, Migdalia Cruz, Jose Rivera and Ariel Dorfman, has been presented at Brava!, Campo Santo / Intersection for the Arts, The Lorraine Hansberry Theater, the Magic Theater and El Teatro de la Esperanza to name a few Bay Area venues. Roberto is the founding artistic director of Soapstone Theatre Company, a collective of male ex-offenders and women survivors of violent crime, and of *El Teatro Jornalero!*, a performance company that brings the voice of Latin American immigrant workers to the stage. He is a professor of theater at the University of San Francisco, where he is co-founder of the Performing Arts and Social Justice Major, and teaches theater to incarcerated women at the San Francisco County Jail's *Sisters Project*. He also serves on the board of the Yerba Buena Gardens Festival and The Consortium on Latin American Immigration, and is an Associate Editor of *Peace Review* an international journal on peace and justice studies, published by Routledge Press.