



**TRAUMA AND TRUST:  
PEACEBUILDING IN  
RUPTURED SOCIAL SYSTEMS**

University of Denver  
October 13-15, 2016

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# Conference Agenda

*All events will take place in the Conference Center of DU's Fritz Knoebel School of Hospitality Management, housed in the Joy Burns Building*

Wednesday, October 12

**8:30 – 10:00**                    **Registration open**

**9:30 – 5:00**                    **Pre-Conference Workshop (additional registration required) – Room 211**

**“Applying Systems Thinking to the Design and Evaluation of Peacebuilding and Trauma Interventions”**

Bob Williams, author of *Wicked Solutions: A Systems Approach to Complex Problems*, and *Systems Concepts in Action*

Thursday, October 13

**7:30 – 8:30**                    **Registration & coffee**

**8:30 – 10:30**                    **Opening plenary - Dining Room**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Rebecca Chopp, University of Denver Chancellor

Tamra Pearson d'Estreé, Conflict Resolution Institute; Elaine Hanson, SalusWorld; Judith Fox, International Disaster Psychology Program, Graduate School of Professional Psychology

**“The Meanings of Justice to Trauma Survivors” (downlink)**

Judith Herman, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard University Medical School

Author of *Trauma and Recovery: The Aftermath of Violence – from Domestic Abuse to Political Terror; Father-Daughter Incest*; “Justice from the victim's perspective,” in *Violence Against Women*, and “Posttraumatic stress disorder as a shame disorder,” in Dearing & Tangney (Eds), *Shame in the Therapy Hour*.

**10:45 – 12:15**                    **Session A**

**Panel A.1: Dimensions, Constructs and Approaches to Trauma – Room 229**

Chair: Judith Fox, University of Denver

Maryan Rokhideh, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. Constructing violent experiences: Towards a systemic approach of trauma.

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. The moral dimensions of trauma and pathways to recovery.

Discussants: Anne DePrince and Judith Fox, University of Denver

**Panel A.2: Peacebuilding, Reconciliation and Unintended Consequences - Room 231**

Chair: Suzanne Ghais, American University, Washington, DC, and Denver, Colorado.

Holly Guthrey, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden. Expectations and promises in the quest of truth: Examining victims' perceptions of truth commission participation in Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste.

Beinyetua Otrofanowei, University of Ottawa/St. Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. "Are the war drums sounding?" Nigeria and the search for a nation: A critical analysis of the role of trauma and identity as an impediment to the Nigeria of our dreams.

Marie Berry, University of Denver. Women's Contributions to Innovations in Peacebuilding in Nepal, Bosnia, and Rwanda.

Discussant: Suzanne Ghais, American University, Washington, DC, and Denver, Colorado.

**12:30 – 2:00 Luncheon plenary - Dining Room**

**"Understanding Race-Based Stress and Trauma"**

Monnica Williams, PhD, clinical psychologist and Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut in Psychological Sciences and director of the Laboratory for Culture and Mental Health Disparities

**2:15 – 3:45 Session B**

**Plenary Roundtable B.1: What is 'Historical Trauma'? - Room 229**

Chair: Tamra Pearson d'Estrée, University of Denver

Sami Adwan, Hebron University and PRIME, Palestine/PNA

Chesleigh Keene, University of Denver

Friederike Bubenzer, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa

Monnica Williams, University of Connecticut

**4:00 – 5:15 Session C**

**Afternoon Tea**

An opportunity for refreshments with new ideas and networking. Please visit our poster and photo exhibitors.

**Photo Exhibit C.1 - Room 211**

Negative Exposures: When the flash of a camera sheds more darkness than light: Reflections on *Photovoice* from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Laura Feehs and Rose Corbett, University of Denver

**Poster Session & Photo Exhibit C.2 - Room 229**

Poster/Photo Exhibit: Personal impact statements: how participation in Sharing Circles improved the functioning of women in Myanmar. Gwen Vogel Mitchell and Elaine Hanson, SalusWorld.

Poster: Preliminary Quantitative Outcomes of Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience—the STAR Training in Minnesota. Donna L. Minter, Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute.

Poster: Examining Peacebuilding Through a Trauma Lens: Practitioner Reflections on Programs for Youth Exposed to Traumatic Stressors in Intergroup Conflict. Liza Hester, One Earth Future, Broomfield, Colorado.

Poster: Behavioral Health in the Philippines: Development of Psychosocial Support Post-Disaster. Reed Haight, Michelle Fagan, and Tim Nesbitt, University of Denver.

**Dinner on your own & organic networking** [optional dinner groups will be organized]

### **Friday, October 14**

#### **8:30 – 10:15      Session D**

##### **Plenary Panel D.1: Systemic Police-Community Violence in the USA: Impacts and Responses - Room 229**

Chair: David Ragland, United Nations Mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica/ Co-Director, The Truth Telling Project of Ferguson.

David Ragland, United Nations Mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica/ Co-Director, The Truth Telling Project of Ferguson. Intergenerational Trauma and Re-envisioning justice: Restorative Approaches and the Movement.

Alex Landau, community advocate and Black Lives Matter advocate, Denver, Colorado. Traffic Stop: A personal story about lived experience with police brutality.

Leo Alirez, College View Community Center (CVCC) and Life-Line Director, Denver, Colorado. Flipping the Script: A Denver Native and former gang member's gang disengagement program.

Carole O'Shea, Victim Services Supervisor, Aurora Police Department, Aurora, Colorado. The Impact of Trauma on Individuals and Systems.

Discussant: Erica Chenoweth, University of Denver

#### **10:30 – 12:00      Session E**

##### **Panel E.1: Bridging the frameworks: Narrowing the gap between psycho-social needs, practice and peacebuilding (sister conference reports) - Room 229**

Chair: Samantha Haas, University of Denver

Friederike Bubenzer, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa

Barry Hart, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Discussants: Elaine Hanson, SalusWorld, Denver, Colorado

**Panel E.2: Native American Trauma in Modern US Communities: Impacts and Responses - Room 231**

Chair: Chris Nelson, University of Denver

Chesleigh Keene and Angel Hinzo, University of Denver.

Gracie Redshirt Tyon, University of Colorado, Denver. Perspectives and Manifestations of Trauma in the Denver Indian Community.

Stevie Lee, University of Denver. Examining the Historical, Political and Social Context of Native Faculty Pedagogical Impacts at Tribal Colleges and Universities.

Vicki Eagle, Sicangu, University of Denver.

Discussant: Chris Nelson, University of Denver

**12:15 – 2:15 Luncheon plenary - Dining Room**

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Introduction, Shelly Smith-Acuna, GSPP Dean

**2:30 – 4:45 Session F**

**Workshop F.1: Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) - Room 211**

Aimee Voth Siebert, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Denver, Colorado

**Workshop F.2: Trauma and Moral Integration - Room 231**

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Carrie Doehring, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado.

**6:30 Cocktails (cash bar) - Dining Room**

**7:00 Evening Banquet Plenary - Dining Room**

**"Formation of RADICL Identities - Reconciliation in the Context of Irreparable Harms"**

David Anderson Hooker, Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, and President & Principal Consultant of CounterStories Consulting

Author of *The Little Book of Transformative Community Conferencing: A Hopeful, Practical Approach to Dialogue*

Introduction, Liliana Rodriguez, Vice Chancellor for Student Life and Inclusive Excellence, University of Denver TBC

Saturday, October 15

**9:00 – 10:30      Session G**

**Panel G.1: Trauma and Community Healing/Lessons Learned - Room 229**

Chair: Elaine Hanson, SalusWorld

Hali Nurnberg, Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver. A trauma-informed approach to supporting communities affected by gang violence in Denver.

Sara Nadelman, Denver Anti-Trafficking Alliance, Denver District Attorney's Office. A lifetime of lessons learned: Residential Care Administration in Cambodia.

Elaine Hanson, SalusWorld. Working for Social Change in Ruptured Systems: Lessons Learned from Myanmar and Beyond.

Discussant: Barry Hart, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

**Panel G.2: System Responses to Gender-Based Violence - Room 231**

Chair: Anne DePrince, University of Denver

Anne DePrince, University of Denver. Perceptions of institutional responses to intimate violence.

Emma Wood, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. A space for lament, silence, anger, and hope.

Discussants: Jean McAllister, University of Denver

**10:45 – 12:15      Session H**

**Panel H.1: Migration & Resilience - Room 229**

Chair: Gwen Vogel Mitchell, University of Denver and SalusWorld

Vanja Pejic, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. The importance of family-focused interventions in supporting refugee families' transition, wellbeing and community integration.

Brienne Kohrt, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado. Maternal and child well-being in urban migrant communities in Peru.

Discussants: Rebecca Galemba, University of Denver; Gwen Vogel Mitchell, University of Denver and SalusWorld

**Panel H.2: Narratives & Stories - Room 231**

Chair: Tamra Pearson d'Estrée, University of Denver

Trina Zeimbekis. Queens University, Ontario, Canada. A Case Study of the Nunavik Inuit: Negotiating Space through Oral Testimony.

Sami Adwan, Hebron University and PRIME, Palestine/PNA, and Robert Vogel, LaSalle University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Empowering Voices of Israeli and Palestinian Teens through Writing.

David Anderson Hooker, Notre Dame University. CounterStories – Building Community Narratives to Align with Preferred Futures.

Discussant: Edward Antonio, Iliff School of Theology

**12:30 – 2:15**            **Closing luncheon plenary - *Dining Room***

**“Trauma and Mental Health in the Lives of Youth: Pathways to Building Peace in Sierra Leone”**

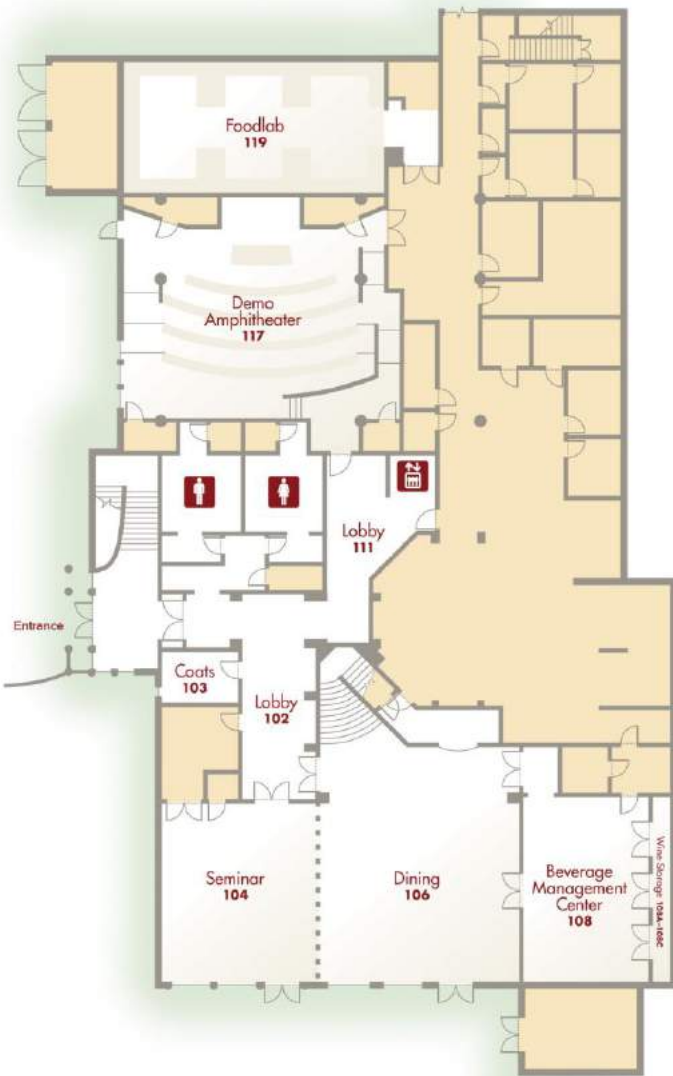
Theresa Betancourt, Director of the Research Program on Children and Global Adversity (RPCGA) and Associate Professor of Child Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH).



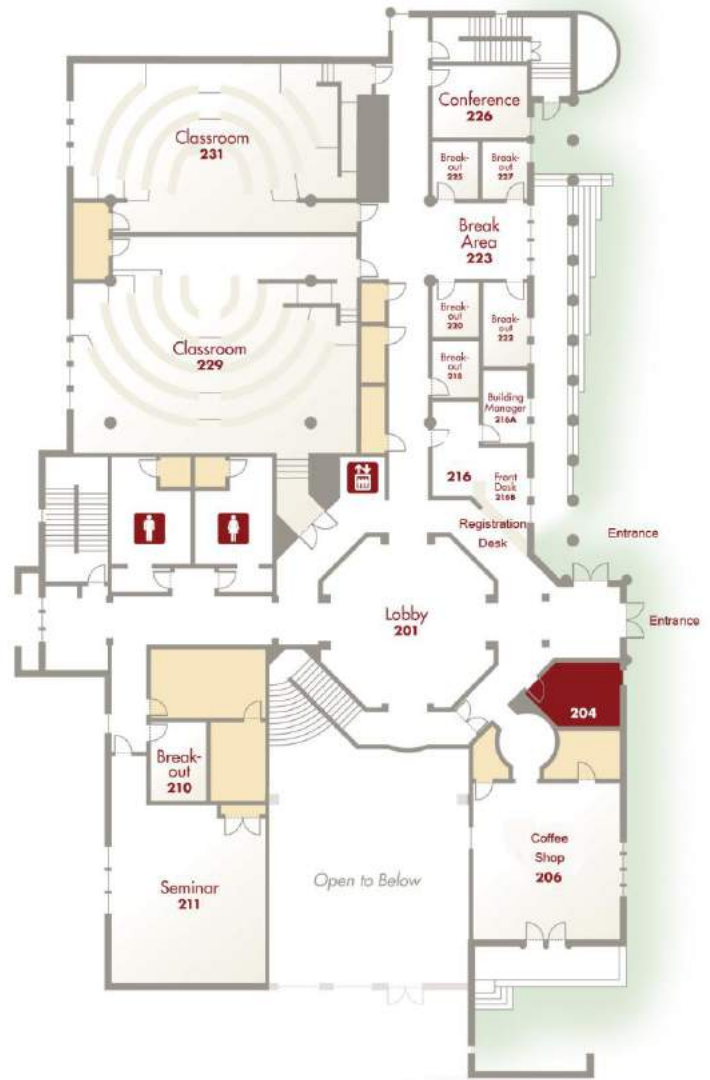
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