



ACHIEVEMENTS IN PEACEBUILDING

Stories from the Field

OCTOBER 25-27
2018



Thursday, October 25
4:30-8pm
Avila University
Thornhill Gallery, Dallavis Building

Friday, October 26
1-4pm
Park University
PDL Conference Center

Saturday, October 27
9am-3:15pm
Johnson County Community College
Regnier Center

Thursday, October 25

BUILDING PEACE THROUGH THE ARTS

**Buchanan Initiative for Peace and Nonviolence at Avila University
Thornhill Gallery**

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

10:00 to 4:00 – **Papermaking Workshop with the Peace Paper Project**

FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

4:30 to 6:15 – **Film Screening: *The Visitor***

Written and directed by Tom McCarthy; produced by Michael London and Mary Jane Skalski; and starring Richard Jenkins, Haaz Sleiman, and Danai Gurira

6:15 to 7:00 – **Reception**

Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and soft drinks will be served

7:00 to 8:00 – **Panel Discussion**

Drew Matott, Director, Peace Paper Project

Dr. Michalis Koutsoupides, Artist-in-Residence, Avila University

Dayna Kerr, Quilting Instructor, Once We Were Refugees

Friday, October 26

**RADIO AS AN EFFECTIVE PEACEBUILDING TOOL:
ACHIEVEMENTS FROM AFRICA AND AMERICAS**

Park University, PDL-Underground

Radio has proven to be an effective tool worldwide to bridge divides between disparate groups and to facilitate difficult but necessary societal discussions. This afternoon, we will explore radio's role as an effective peacebuilding tool in Africa, and in Kansas City.

1:00 **Welcome**

Steve Youngblood, Director, Center for Global Peace Journalism,
Park University

1:10 **Radio and Peace in Cameroon**

Alexander Vojvoda, other guests via Skype from Cameroon Community
Media Network

1:30 **Radio and Peace in East Africa (Uganda and South Sudan)**

Steve Youngblood, Director, Center for Global Peace Journalism

2:10 **Break and Student Posters**

- 2:30 **Public Radio and Peace in Kansas City**
KCUR: Laura Ziegler
- 3:10 **Peacebuilding with KKFI**
KKFI: Spencer Graves, Bill Clause
- 3:50 **Closing comments: Steve Youngblood**

Saturday, October 27
COMMUNITY SESSION
Johnson County Community College
Regnier Center

- 8:30 **Registration, coffee, and networking*** Regnier Center Atrium
- 9:00 **Welcome** Hudson Auditorium
Janette Jasperson, Coordinator International Education, JCCC
Dr. Joe Sopcich, JCCC President
Dr. Mickey McCloud, JCCC Vice President Academic Affairs/CAO
- 9:15 **“Peacebuilding Achievement:
Measuring the Unmeasurable?”** Hudson Auditorium
Steven Youngblood, Director, Center for Global Peace Journalism,
Park University
- 9:30 **Keynote Address** Hudson Auditorium
“Achievements in Peacebuilding: Stories from the Field”
Ambassador William B. Taylor, Executive Vice President,
United States Institute of Peace
- 10:30 **Break: Coffee and Networking*** Regnier Center Atrium
- 10:45 **Panel: “Local Peacebuilders Telling Stories
of Achievement”** Hudson Auditorium
Sharon Kniss, Director of Education & Training,
Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution
Dr. Vernon Percy Howard, Jr., Senior Pastor, St. Mark Union Church
President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference - GKC
Abdul Bakar, Executive Director of Refugee Resettlement Programs,
Della Lamb Community Services
- 12:00 **Lunch** Regnier Center 101

- 1:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- “Conversation on Ukraine with Ambassador Bill Taylor”** RC 145
 Ambassador William B. Taylor, Executive Vice President,
 United States Institute of Peace
- “Grassroots Peacebuilding: KC’s Center for
 Conflict Resolution”** RC 175
 Annette Lantz-Simmons, Executive Director,
 Debbie Bayless, Program Manager, and
 Greg Winship, Training Manager, Center for Conflict Resolution
- “Greater Kansas City Peacebuilding Consortium:
 Introduction and Information”** RC 181
 Dr. Tom Patterson, Director of International Education, JCCC
 Steven Youngblood, Director, Center for Global Peace Journalism,
 Park University
- 1:45 **Break: Coffee and Networking*** RC Atrium
- 2:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- “Calling it Success: The Long Road of Peacebuilding
 in Urgent Crises”** RC 145
 Sharon Kniss, Director of Education & Training,
 Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution
- “Stories from CIVIC”** RC 175
 Dan Mahanty, Director U.S. Program, Center for Civilians
 in Conflict (CIVIC)
- “Peacebuilding in Kansas City’s Homeless Community:
 Achievements and Challenges”** RC 181
 Eric Garbison, Cherith Brook
- 2:50 **Reflection and Door Prizes** Hudson Auditorium
 Matthew Hughes, Executive Director, International Relations Council

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