Cultivating Peace: A Virginia Tech Student Research Symposium for Violence Prevention

First Announcement

The Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention (CPSVP) and its affiliated Students for Non-Violence club are pleased to announce our Third Student Research Symposium, entitled: “Cultivating Peace: A Symposium for Violence Prevention.” The Symposium, sponsored by the Lacy Foundation, will take place on the evening of February 6th through the morning of the 8th of February 2015 in Blacksburg, Virginia.

We invite undergraduate and graduate students from regional, national, and international colleges and universities. Students may present both individual and collaborative work from diverse fields and in a range of presentation formats, such as papers, oral or poster presentations, and theatrical and multi-media projects. Topics of particular interest include but are not limited to: Campus Violence Prevention and University-Community Partnerships, Violence and Gender, Violence Prevention in Socioeconomic and Cultural Context, Sustainable Development and Peace, Social Media and Violence, Fostering Global Citizenship and Civic Engagement to Promote Peace, and Creatively Fostering Nonviolence through the Arts and Literature.

Details about submission procedures and deadlines will be forthcoming. Proposals are due December 5th, 2014.

Keynote Speaker

We are delighted to announce our keynote speaker, Timothy Phillips, founder of Beyond Conflict, a global initiative which contributed to reconciliation processes in Northern Ireland, El Salvador, South Africa, and many other nations. He is a pioneer in the field of Transitional Justice, and has advised the US Department of State, the U.N., and the Council of Europe. Mr. Phillips has also been a key figure in the movement to implement renewable and green energy worldwide. Just added: Mr. Phillips will lead a workshop for students on Saturday, Feb 7th.

Updates about the Symposium will be posted on the CPSVP web site: http://www.cpsvp.vt.edu.

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