

EMILY E. WELTY

Summary

A trained conflict resolution mediator specializing in interfaith dialog and a passionate campaigner for peace and human rights. Excellent writer and editor – co-author of book. Experience working in cross-cultural and politically unstable contexts in Israel/Palestine, Northern Ireland, South Africa and Sudan. Former Watson Fellow.

Education

University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies *London, England*
Ongoing PhD researching the role of churches in conflict in Africa.

American University, School of International Service *Washington, DC*
MA in International Peace and Conflict Resolution, May 2005. GPA: 3.98. Thesis on religious involvement in the struggle against apartheid, field research in South Africa.

College of Wooster *Wooster, Ohio*
BA in religious studies with an emphasis in peace studies, June 2000. GPA: 3.98.

Professional Experience

Editor and Publications Manager *Washington, DC*
Association for Conflict Resolution *January 2006-present*

- ❖ Primary editor for all in-house communication, newsletters and quarterly magazine (circulation 10,000) for international membership organization.

International Aid Worker and Human Rights Observer *Various global locations*
Various agencies *2000-2007*

- ❖ Co-wrote a report evaluating Counterpart International's aid program in south Sudan (July-August 2007).
- ❖ Investigated history of US-Nicaraguan relations with Asociación de Kairos Formación in Nicaragua (July 2005).
- ❖ Monitored human rights situation, documented interactions between Israeli settlers, Israeli Defense Force soldiers and Palestinians with the Christian Peacemakers Team in Hebron (June-July 2003).
- ❖ Program Coordinator at Peace People in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Served as assistant to Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Mairead Corrigan Maguire; created teaching materials on conflict resolution; mediated conversations between Protestant paramilitary teenagers (April-July 2001).
- ❖ Founded Refugee ESL with the Mennonite Central Committee; developed and managed English as a Second Language program for refugees from Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi in Durban, South Africa (October 2000-April 2001).
- ❖ Scholar-in-Residence at Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Israel/Palestine. Conducted research on co-existence projects; interviewed leaders in religious interfaith movement (August-October 2000).

Freelance Editor and Writer *Washington, DC*
Freelance *August 2005-Present*

- ❖ Co-authored a book on interfaith dialogue in the Middle East, published by US Institute of Peace, with Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer of American University.
- ❖ Edited a manual on planning landmine risk mitigation and a donor report for UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- ❖ Compiled a manual on nonviolence resources for United Religions Initiative.

Paralegal

Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg, LLP

Washington, DC

March 2004-December 2005

- ❖ Assisted with establishment of and drafted Articles of Incorporation and By-laws for newly formed nonprofit entities
- ❖ Prepared applications for tax-exempt status for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.

Research Assistant

American University

Washington, DC

August 2002-2005

- ❖ Primary researcher for Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer
- ❖ Edited academic papers; managed the marketing of a recently published book.

Honors and Recognition

- ❖ Hurst Scholar 2003-2004, American University.
- ❖ Watson Fellow 2000-2001.
- ❖ Robert James Brown Memorial Peace Prize for the student demonstrating the deepest commitment to peacebuilding, 2000.

Leadership of Associations

- ❖ President/Founder of Peace by Peace: taught nonviolence tactics, organized vigils, led discussions on peace perspectives on current events at weekly meetings (August 1999-June 2000).
- ❖ Founder/Member of College of Wooster interfaith dialogue group (May 1999-June 2000)

Conferences and Speaking Engagements

Presented paper "Domestication or Liberation: Theology for Ending Apartheid" International Peace Research Association conference, Calgary, Canada, June 2006.

Keynote speaker, "Liberation Theology in South Africa" Damascus United Methodist Church, April 2006.

Presented paper "Interfaith Dialogue as a Route to Peace" at the 2004 Peace and Justice Studies Association Conference,

Presented paper "Healing Amongst People of the Book: Muslim-Christian Dialogue as Reconciliation" at the Fourth Annual Muslim Peacebuilding Conference, Islamic Society of North America, April 18-20, 2003

Presented paper "Manufactured Masculinity: Gendered Constructions of the Coercion Paradigm" at "In the Name of Democracy: the boundaries of the political" conference, New School for Social Research, New York City, May 1-2, 2003

Presented paper "Manufactured Masculinity: Gendered Constructions of the Coercion Paradigm" College of Wooster, April 11, 2003

Taught seminar "Hearing the Voices of Gomer and Tamar: Contemporary Reactions to Violence against Women" at the 2002 National Presbyterian Peacemaking Conference

Keynote speaker, Business and Professional Women's Association, October 2001, "Powerful Women as Peacemakers: Israel/Palestine, South Africa and Northern Ireland"

Keynote speaker, St. Joseph County Legal Bar Association, October 2001, "Concepts of Justice: Israel/Palestine, South Africa and Northern Ireland"

Keynote speaker, Three Rivers Rotary Club, November 2001, "Speaking Truth to Power: Reflections on Pacifism and Nonviolence Post-September 11th"

Keynote speaker, Sturgis Rotary Club, November 2001, "Speaking Truth to Power: Reflections on Pacifism and Nonviolence Post-September 11th"