



## NEWSLETTER

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### CRS News

#### Cedric Smith Prize 2015

The Conflict Research Society is pleased to announce that it is now accepting entries for The Cedric Smith Prize for Peace and Conflict Research 2015. a prize for the best piece of peace and conflict research (broadly defined) by a UK based student (either currently at the pre-degree stage or having passed their PhD no earlier than 1st September 2013). We are inviting entrants to submit a research paper or single (stand-alone) dissertation chapter of no more than 12,000 words (accompanied by a 200-word abstract). The closing date for the prize is 31st May 2015.

Candidates who are planning on submitting research articles to academic journals are encouraged to apply, as the judging panel this year will include editors from a number of high profile journals including Henrik Urdal (Editor of The Journal of Peace Research), Nicolas Lemay-Hébert (Co-Editor of The Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding), Dylan Hendrickson (Editor of Conflict, Security & Development) and Govinda Clayton (Deputy Editor of International Peacekeeping).

[Website](#)

### Calls for Papers

#### CMPS Collection Curators

Conflict Management and Peace Science is seeking proposals from individuals interested in curating a special collection of articles that have been published in previous issues of the journal. A collection of articles could center on a theme (e.g., resource wars) or an approach (e.g., micro-level studies of civil war) and could, if desired, include a short introduction to the group of articles written by the person assembling the collection. Faculty might wish to curate a collection as a means of constructing a course reader for a class. Graduate students studying for exams might find that they have a good idea for a curated collection. Each collection, which would be published as an online or virtual issue, will be promoted via social media with SAGE granting short-term free access to the issue.

If you are interested in curating such a collection, please send a brief description (150 words) of the theme or approach you wish to focus on and a list of 6-10 relevant articles to [Caroline Hartzell](#), Editor of Conflict Management and Peace Science.

### Scholarships and Grants

#### Doctoral Researcher at PRIO

The Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) invites applications for a three-year, full-time position as Doctoral Researcher. The position provides the opportunity to work in a leading international research institution with high academic standards and an interdisciplinary environment. This position is financed as part of a grant from the Research Council of Norway (FRIHUMSAM) to PRIO for the project "Equal Peace? Women's Empowerment and Multicultural Challenges in War-to-Peace Transitions"(EPP) led by Senior Researcher Inger Skjelsbæk. Working within the fields of social sciences, the Doctoral Researcher to be employed in this project will conduct a field and case based research project which focuses on women's empowerment in Rwanda by analyzing the role of international norm entrepreneurs, political leaders and policy makers and civil society actors and religious groups. This research will result in a PhD dissertation in English.

The deadline for applications is the 15th of April.

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#### International Center on Nonviolent Conflict PhD Stipend

The International Center on Nonviolent Conflict announced a call for applications for its second annual Ph.D. Stipend Award in support of dissertation writing on civil resistance. In 2015, ICNC has allotted \$20,000 for up to three Ph.D. thesis stipends that are offered on a merit and competitive basis to Ph.D. students. Applicants are expected to have completed at least the first year of Ph.D. studies and made progress in formulating Ph.D. research topics that are either focused entirely on civil resistance or might benefit from that focus.

Prospective applicants must submit, among other documents, their Ph.D. thesis proposal that clearly explains research inquiries, arguments and cases as well as a review of civil resistance literature. Applicants must also clarify how the stipend will help enhance both the thesis and the field of civil resistance more broadly.

The deadline for submissions is the 13th of April.

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### Events

#### Women PeaceMakers Program 2015

12th September - 21st November, University of San Diego, US

Women involved in peacemaking are invited to apply to a unique residency program from 12 September – 21 November 2015 for women engaged in peacebuilding and human rights in San Diego, USA. The Women PeaceMakers (WPM) Program at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (IPJ) involves learning, teaching and taking the time to narrate a personal, unique story of peacemaking. Along with scheduled time when the Woman PeaceMaker will work one-on-one with a peace writer who will document her story, there will be programs in which she will share with others her experiences from her respective country and conflict setting. She will learn from and explore new skills and ideas with fellow PeaceMakers. Through better understanding of individual human rights advocacy and peacebuilding work, the program seeks to build greater understanding and to document the challenges and successes of women who have been involved in peacemaking efforts in their own communities, country or region.

The deadline for applications is the 20th of April.

[Website](#)

#### Community Reconciliation Conference

24th June, London, UK

The St. Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation is organizing a full-day conference for those in its networks and working in the field of reconciliation to share reflections, build relationships and form possible collaborations for future programmes. The conference will feature a few keynote speakers working in the field of reconciliation, building bridges and forging fresh ways forward for divided communities. Most of all, it aims to provide a chance for those working in the field to meet and network with those working with similar passions and visions for a more peaceful future, and to share reflections, challenges and creative ideas for collaborations and potential community programmes.

[Website](#)

### Training Opportunities

#### UNT NSF Research Experience For Undergraduates

8th June - 30th July, Univertisty of Texas, US

The Department of Political Science at the University of North Texas has initiated a unique program to provide undergraduate students recruited from across the country the opportunity to engage in graduate-level research in-residence, eight-week, Summer Research Experience (SRE) that integrates training in civil conflict management with training in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Participants develop theoretical propositions that are tested empirically. Participants collect and analyze empirical data and report their findings in a public forum. Activities include workshops on theory development, computer simulations, research methodology, and the graduate school application process. At the conclusion of the program, students present their research at UNT and at a national political science conference. The program is led by UNT faculty members Dr. John T. Ishiyama of the Department of Political Science and Dr. Joseph Oppong of the Department of Geography.

The deadline for applications is the 3rd of April.

[Website](#)

## CRS Annual Conference

Our annual conference this year will be hosted by the Conflict Analysis Research Centre (CARC) and the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Kent on the 14-15 of September. Under the theme "Peace and Violence Explained? Assessing John Burton's Legacy", the conference seeks to generate debate and ongoing relationships between scholars and practitioners interested in key issues surrounding the dynamics of violent political conflict, dialogue, diplomacy and peacebuilding.

Individual and panel proposals should be submitted online by the 31st of May 2015.

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