

Peace Studies Records 1939-2001, undated

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Administrative History

In her chapter, "Working with the People: The Religious Studies Department, 1957-1991," in *Mundelein Voices-The Women's College Experience-1930-1991* Carol Frances Jegen, BVM, briefly describes the history of Peace Studies at Mundelein College and Loyola University Chicago. She writes:

"Peace studies is a new discipline in higher education. In 1970 there were three such programs in the United States. By 1990 there were two hundred fifty. Mundelein College was one of the forty-four colleges and universities to inaugurate the national Peace Studies Association...Mundelein's involvement in the peace movement can be traced to participation in the Catholic Association for International Peace...Another significant moment in Mundelein's history was the Selma march with Martin Luther King Jr. This nonviolent precedent of the 1960s influenced greatly our nonviolent involvement with the United Farm Workers in the 1970s.

As Pax Christi began to be organized in the United States, the call for peace education became stronger. In 1983 the United States Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace", gave strong encouragement to peace education... During the 1980s, under the leadership of the religious studies department and with the full support of Mundelein's administration an interdisciplinary committee was formed to plan a minor in peace studies. The departments of biology, English, philosophy, psychology, and sociology were represented. The decision to plan a minor, rather than a major, in peace studies was prompted by the desire to have students in various departments become knowledgeable about ways of peacemaking and become aware of the urgency to find paths to peace in a world of increasing violence and of threats of unimaginable nuclear devastation.

When the faculty approved the minor, eighteen students joined the program immediately. A generous grant of \$100,000 from the John D. and Catherine Mac Arthur Foundation enabled us to expand our peacemaking efforts. Two of the first graduates completed internships in Europe. Karen Veverka studied in Sweden's Life and Peace Institute and Joyce Platfoot became involved in the Pax Christi International office in Belgium. Two peace scholars resided on the Mundelein campus, Margaret Inglestam from Sweden and Petra Heldt from Israel.

The MacArthur grant also assisted in the program of the recently established Mundelein Center for Women and Peace. Sister Mary Evelyn Jegen, S.N.D., became part-time director, having served as Pax Christi USA's national coordinator and Pax Christi International's vice president. In its brief history the Center for Women and Peace established many contacts with peacemakers throughout the Chicago area and beyond. The center sponsored supper-lecture series that brought to campus many women who shared concerns, hopes, and plans for peace. The book, *A Dwelling Place* was published and included photographs and stories of women from varied ethnic backgrounds who were involved in Mundelein and were committed to peacemaking efforts. ...

When Mundelein's affiliation with Loyola University Chicago occurred in 1991, the Center for Women and Peace was unfortunately discontinued. However, the peace-studies minor was brought into Loyola through the support of Dr. Kathleen McCourt, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Soon after the public announcement of the pending affiliation, Dr. McCourt arranged a meeting of the Mundelein peace-studies faculty with Loyola faculty from comparable departments. A new joint committee was formed. After three years of meetings, the peace –studies minor was approved by the necessary faculty committees and administrators. Dr. William French of the theology department became the new director of peace studies."

Scope and Content

The Peace Studies Records span the years 1939 to 2001 and documents the development of a peace studies minor at Mundelein College and, after the 1991 affiliation with Loyola University Chicago, the development of a peace studies minor at Loyola. These papers include drafts of the MacArthur grant proposals and drafts and final proposals to curriculum committees at both Mundelein and Loyola for approval of the peace studies programs. The program was approved at Mundelein in 1989 and Loyola's was approved in 1993. Since both colleges developed extensive resource files on peace studies and activities there is an alphabetical listing of resource materials.

Series 1: Peace Studies at Mundelein College, 1939-2001, Box 1 contains the history of the beginnings of the Mundelein peace studies minor and the Ad Hoc committee proposal to the curriculum committee in 1989. Included are the details of the 1990 MacArthur grant of \$100,000 and its importance to the development of the Center for Women and Peace.

Series 2: Peace Studies at Loyola University Chicago, 1991-1995, Box 1-3, explains the transition of Mundelein College to Loyola. With the help of Dean McCourt a joint committee of Mundelein and Loyola faculty interested in peace studies was formed and began a study of a peace studies course offering for Loyola. The extensive committee minutes reflect the concerns, interests, and questions about a peace studies minor. A proposal was, in time, submitted to the curriculum committee and final approval of a peace studies minor was given in 1993. An interdisciplinary course was included in the 1994 fall schedule. In 1993 Carol Frances Jegen BVM taught a peace studies course, Peace Spirituality, in the Institute of Pastoral Studies. A Pax Christi Chapter was established at Loyola in 1992.

Series 3: John and Catherine MacArthur Foundation Grant, 1988-1994, Box 3, contains draft proposals to the MacArthur Foundation for funds. A \$100,000 grant for two years was received in 1990 and used to support the visiting peace scholars in residence. The fund enabled a number of peace programs for the public. Many news clippings report the Center's activities. Also included are the regular reports to the Foundation.

Series 4: Center for Women and Peace, 1988-1992, Box 3-4, contains the resume and activities of the Center part-time director, Mary Evelyn Jegen, SND. Goals and plans for the Center are described. Correspondence and reports of the Center activities are included. Peace According to Women in 1992 was the last major program of the Center. The Center for Women and Peace, according to a news item in the Oct. 26, 1990 issue, reported that the Center was established by a faculty committee. The Center continued after the affiliation with Loyola to 1992 when the grant ended.

Series 5: Peace Scholars/A Dwelling Place, 1990-1992, Box 5, contains extensive correspondence on the visiting peace scholars including their resumes and lists of publications. The visiting scholars were Margaret Ingelstam of Stockholm, Sweden; Mary Link; and Petra Heldt of Israel. Ingelstam in October 1991 gave a presentation on "Global Peace Service-An International Response to Militarism." Link presented a workshop on "Envisioning a Peaceful and Just World Order" in June 1992. Also in June 1992 Heldt of the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel provided lectures to university classes, participated in local ecumenical activities and provided information on Jewish-Christian encounters in Israel. The MacArthur grant was essential in providing the visiting scholar program.

Series 6: Resources for Peace Studies, 1976-1995, Box 5-9, contains articles, reports, newsletters, and some correspondence.

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4	5	El Salvador-Commemorative Program	1989-1991
4	6	Women for Guatemala	1990
4	7	CWP-Conference Plans-Bills/Mailings	1990-1992
4	8	Persian Gulf Crisis - Prayer meetings/Correspondence/Panel Discussions	1990-1991
4	9	Playing for Peace	1990

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4	10	Peace awards to Peace Studies students	1990
4	11	Peace According to Women series - Correspondence- programs/publicity	1990-1992
4	12	CWP-Advisory Board members/lists	1991
4	13	Cooperation with Notre Dame U./Bulgarian student visit	1991
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5	1	Peace Scholar-Margaret Ingelstam Resume/ Global Peace Program/ Publicity	1990-1992
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5	3	Peace Scholar Mary Link: Envisioning Theme/MINDBOOK/Anawim Players	1992
5	4	Peace Scholar Mary Link-Facilitation Training Process	1992
5	5	Peace Scholar Petra Heldt Vitae-Program - Correspondence	1991-1992
5	6	Petra Heldt - Photo	1992
5	7	Peace Studies /Faculty Development Grant for P. Moylan and M. Sparks-Visit to Stockholm, Sweden	1992
5	8	A Dwelling Place-Photographer Christian Molidor	1991
5	9	A Dwelling Place-Planning for seminar/ publication	1990
5	10	A Dwelling Place-Documents/Correspondence	1992
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5	11	African Faith and Justice Network (Communitas)	1992
5	12	Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Bulletin on Peace and Justice Education	1981-1989
5	13	ACCU - Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities	1981-1989
5	14	Bishops' Peace pastoral/The Challenge of Peace	1983-1984
6	1	Call To Action Conference/ Center of Concern Report	1976-1977
6	2	Cardinal Joseph Bernardin/ Papers—Constant Ethic of Life	1983-1984
6	3	Catholic Peace Fellowship	1991
6	4	Chicago Archdiocesan Office-Peace and Justice	1980-1986
6	5	Chicago Center for Peace Studies—James Serritello	1988
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6	7	Children of Peace School/Holy Family Parish-Chicago	1994-1995
6	8	Christian Peace Conference	1988-1990
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6	10	Conscientious Objection/ Peace Guidance	1981, undated
6	11	Council for a Parliament of World Religions - Correspondence/Newsletter/clippings	1988-1994
6	12	Ecumenical Association of Academics and Lay Centers in Europe	1988
6	13	Fellowship of Reconciliation/ Active non-violence	1991
6	14	International Conference on Women and Peace/ Moylan/Sparks/Jegen/Correspondence	1988-1991
6	15	Jane Addams Conference - (See also Soviet Women Dialog)	1988-1991
6	16	Midwest Peace and Justice Institute	1988-1989
7	1	National Conference of Christians and Jews/Newsletter Conference on Religion in American Life held at Mundelein College Nov. 30, 1989	1987-1993
7	2	NCCJ-Conference on Peace at Mundelein, Dec. 17,1988	1988
7	3	NCCJ-Conference on Peace Issues in the Curriculum/a workshop at Mundelein, Jan. 15, 1990	1989-1990
7	4	NCCJ-Jan. 15, 1990 Workshop/ photo	1990
7	5	NCCJ-Peace Education Workshop at Mundelein 1/21/91	1991
7	6	NCCJ-Workshop-Resolving Conflict Across Cultures/Jan. 20,1992	1992
7	7	North American Christian Peace Conference-Reports and Correspondence	1988-1989
7	8	North American Christian Peace Conference/Newsletter	1988-1989
7	9	North American Christian Peace Conference-Information Bulletin	1990-1993
7	10	Nuclear War-articles	1982-1984
7	11	Oasis of Peace/Neve Shalom—Jews and Arabs/correspondence	1988-1991
7	12	Options-University of Virginia Study programs	1989-1990
7	13	Pax Christi International- Mary Evelyn Jegen, SND, correspondence	1989-1995
8	1	Pax Christi, USA /Goals/Eileen Egan	1982-1996
8	2	Pax Christi, USA/Meeting at Loyola/Members retreat at Mundelein/ correspondence	1987
8	3	Peace Museum/Newsletter/Traveling exhibit	1989-1992
8	4	Peace tax Fund	1989-1996
8	5	Persian Gulf War / articles	1990-1991
8	6	Society of Prayer for World Peace/ The Peace Pole	1988
8	7	Soviet Women Dialog/Jane Addams Conference	1989
8	8	Tallories Declaration of University Presidents-Uppsala, Sweden	1988
8	9	The Ribbon International/Ribbon Around the Pentagon; the U N /Book	1985-1993

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8	10	The Ribbon International/ Photo of Mary Evelyn and Carol Frances Jegen, Washington, D.C.	1985
8	11	United Nations Association/Peace Keeping Teleconference –Loyola and Mundelein meeting	1985-1992
8	12	Universidad de la Paz/Costa Rica	1993
8	13	United States Catholic Conference/ memos/correspondence/Poverty report	1988-1991
8	14	United States Catholic Conference/ Department of Social Development and World Peace—Reports/Newsletter	1988-1991
8	15	Women and Peace-articles	1978-1990
8	16	Women’s International League for Peace-(WILFP)	1988-1995
8	17	World Day of Peace-25 th anniversary	1992
9	1	U. S. Institute of Peace/correspondence/ Fellowship Grant application form/ 1987 report	1987-1995
9	2	U.S. Institute of Peace/ Journal publication	1987-1990