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Fall has begun and Interfaith Center staffers are in the midst of many exciting projects. Take a look below and join in!

The James Parks Morton International Fellows returned safely from Glasgow, Scotland after a week of interfaith experiences. Participants from Barcelona and New York met their counterparts in Glasgow to share and learn about each other's interfaith work. Go to ICNY's website to read their blogs from Glasgow and view pictures.

Don't forget to call and reserve tickets to our fall fundraiser **A Tasting of Wines from Biblical Lands!** Space is limited and you won't want to miss the festivities and fun of the Steelcase penthouse. Hope to see you there!

Below we list upcoming programs sponsored by the Interfaith Center of New York, followed by events that may be of interest in the New York area. A listing does not imply endorsement.

Interfaith Center Sponsored Programs

A Tasting of Wines from Biblical Lands

Date: October 18, 2011

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: Steelcase, Penthouse (4 Columbus Circle at 59th Street and Eighth Avenue)

Contact Person: Ian Stickland 212.870.3510

Info: ICNY is hosting a fall fundraiser, "A Tasting of Wines from Biblical Lands" on October 18th. Don't worry, no wine tasting knowledge or prior experience is needed. In fact, Interfaith Center board member John Krysko (host of PCTV's "Glass Up, Glass Down") will be on hand to instruct you on the techniques needed to really enjoy this flavorful journey through the wines of the Middle East. Please call us at 212-870-3510 to your reserve your seat today, space is limited to the first 50 people to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$100 and all proceeds benefit the Rabbi Marshall Meyer Retreat for Social Justice.

Other New York City Programs

Mediation Settlement Day Kick-Off Event

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: New York City Bar Association

Contact Person: Shante Thomas, shthomas@nycourts.gov, 212-428-2116

Info: Mediation Settlement Day is an annual event designed to raise awareness about the many benefits of mediation and the wealth of available resources for people in conflict. Organizations throughout the United States and beyond coordinate efforts to celebrate and promote mediation

on the same day each year. On this day and throughout the month of October, organizations conduct special programs to promote mediation and to educate potential parties and attorneys about the mediation process. The aim is to encourage parties to try mediation for the first time and to reinforce its value and effectiveness to those who have benefited from it before. Please plan to join us at the Annual Mediation Settlement Day Kick-Off Event on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at the New York City Bar (42 West 44th Street, New York, NY) from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. where creator and executive producer of USA Network's show, Fairly Legal, Michael Sardo will participate in a panel discussion entitled "Mediation in the Mainstream" with a focus on the recent portrayal of mediation on television shows. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

Park51 NYChildren Exhibition Opening

Date: September 21, 2011

Time: 6:30pm-10:00pm

Location: 51 Park Place New York, NY 10007

Contact Person:: Sadaf Choudhry sadaf.choudhry@park51.org, 646.808.2234

Info Park51 Community Center is delighted to invite you to the NYChildren Exhibition at Park51 and Reception, which is taking place on the International Day of Peace, September 21, 2011, at 6:30pm.

The NYChildren Exhibition at Park51 launch will be a very special occasion when many prominent world leaders, gathered here for the UN General Assembly and the Clinton Global Initiative, as well as personalities from across New York and around the world, will be in the city. All the ambassadors of the countries whose children are represented in the NYChildren Exhibition at Park51 have been invited to attend as special guests and we are honored to invite you for this gathering. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by The New York Arabic Orchestra.

Please visit park51.org and RSVP by September 15, 2011. Kindly note that space is limited and getting filled up very quickly.

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you to Park51, where our doors are always open.

Jeremiah Interfaith Leadership Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday October 11th, 2011

Time: 10:00am

Location: The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

Contact Person: Onleilove Alston-oalston@fpwa.org and 212-801-1356

Info: Join us for our quarterly meeting of the Jeremiah Leadership Council(J.L.C.). The mission of the J.L.C. is to "seek the welfare" of the City of New York by equipping faith, non-profit and business leaders to effectively and forthrightly respond to the critical needs of its citizens through education, advocacy, organizing and social service provision.

At this meeting we will review 2010/2011 faith based advocacy campaign for disconnected youth, discuss possibilities for continued advocacy in partnership with our affiliated social service agencies and disseminate information on funding and resources for your work. Furthermore, we will provide time for participants to make announcements and network.

There is no application process or fee to participate in the council. For more information visit www.fpwa.org or contact Onleilove Alston by emailing oalston@fpwa.org.

Faith Rooted Organizing Training

Date: September 16th-September 19th

Time: Friday 7-9pm, Saturday 9am-9pm, Sunday 2-9pm and Monday 9am-4pm

Location: Walker Memorial Baptist Church 120 East 169th Street
Bronx, NY 10452

Contact Person: Michelle, Thompson-mthompson@nyfaithjustice.org or (301) 395-1850

Info: NY Faith & Justice and friends Invite you to...Faith-Rooted Organizing Training. Only \$25!

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 14 @ 5pm

Register Now - Limited seating available:

To register click this link or paste into your browser:

<http://www.nycharities.org/events/EventLevels.aspx?ETID=3783>

Come experience this four-day training and learn how to address injustice in our city and our world in a way that draws power from the roots of your faith. Faith-rooted organizing is bringing people together to create change in a way that is shaped and guided in every way by the deepest beliefs of our faith. Faith-rooted organizing draws from the real power of our faith to enable people of faith, all faiths, to contribute their unique gifts to the broader movement for social and economic justice.

The Trainers:

Rev. Alexia Salvatierra is the director of Faith-Rooted.org, an online resource and consulting firm serving faith communities that seek to change the world using Faith-Rooted strategies.

Lisa Sharon Harper is the director of mobilizing for Sojourners. Founded in 1971, Sojourners is dedicated to articulating the biblical call to social justice, inspiring hope and building a movement to transform individuals, communities, the church and the world. Co-sponsored by: Walker Memorial Baptist Church, Judson Memorial Church, Bread for the World, Bronx Health REACH, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Habitat for Humanity, Metro Hope Church, Micah Institute, New York Faith and Justice, Trinity Grace Church, We ACT for Environmental Justice.

International Network of Engaged Buddhists NYC Gala & Art Gathering

Date: November 19, 2011

Time: 7PM

Location: 22 West 15th St, NY NY 10011

Contact Person: Shien Lee, inebnycgala@shienlee.com

Info: INEB and Tibet House together invite you to the final art exhibition and evening Gala celebration of the International Buddhist Art Gathering 2011 in NYC. Join us at Tibet House on Saturday, November 19, 2011, at 7pm for a special exhibition and silent auction of Buddhist artwork, unique gems and other artistic representations of Buddhist countries. Asian delicacies and beverages will be served.

This special event will feature commentary by celebrated speakers Ajahn Sulak Sivaraksa, winner of the 2011 Niwano Peace Prize, and Bernie Glassman, founder of Greyston Bakeries. Ajahn Sulak's latest publication The Wisdom of Sustainability will be available for purchase and autograph from 8-9pm only.

<http://www.inebnycgala.org>

Active Compassion: Retreat for Social and Environmental Activists, Peacemakers & All Who Serve Others

Date: November 4 & 5, 2011

Time: Friday 7-9pm and Saturday 9:30am-5pm

Location: Union Theological Seminary

Contact Person: Cathy Cornell, cathy@cathycornell.com, 646-648-0731

Info: This retreat, led by Lama/Prof. John Makransky with Prof. Paul Knitter, is intended especially, though not exclusively, for people who are working for social-environmental justice and peace or in social service and who want to revitalize their inner or spiritual resources for their work. Information/Registration: www.utsnyc.edu/activecompassion

AMWA's Interfaith Movie "Out of Cordoba"

Date: Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 2011

Time: 2:30-4pm

Location: Scarsdale Library

Contact Person: Fozia Khan, mail@amwa.us

Info: FREE MOVIE OUT OF CORDOBA is a documentary about the legacy of the Spanish city of Cordoba and its meaning for our times. The film explores the dramatic life stories of Ibn Rushd (Averroes) and Musa ibn Maymun (Rabbi Moses Maimonides), the two leading personalities, a Muslim and a Jew, of medieval Islamic Spain, and its heritage of "convivencia" (religious coexistence). The film examines as well some of the most vexing questions of our time: Is there a "clash of civilizations" between the West and the Islamic world? Are Jews and Muslims eternal enemies, incapable of peaceful coexistence? Does religious faith lead inevitably to xenophobia and violence? Discussion with director Jacob Bender will follow the screening.

The Human Right to Peace

Date: Friday, October 21, 2011

Time: 12:30-2:00

Location: United Nations DC1 - Meet in Lobby at 12:15 (latecomers will not be able to be admitted)

Contact Person: Virginia Swain, vswain@global-leader.org 508-245-6843

Info: Building on the efforts of those involved in the Decade of a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010), the Coalition for the Human Right to Peace represents the cooperative partnership between sponsoring governments and civil society to advance the achievements of past generations by recognizing the principle of the Human Right to Peace.

Such a right is anchored in the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human rights and the Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace. The activities of the Coalition strengthen

the global movement for the Human Right to Peace initiated by civil society that has attracted the support of 900 plus organizations from all parts of the world.

A Discussion with Moustafa Bayoumi, author of "How Does it Feel to be a Problem; Being Young and Arab in America"

Date: Monday October 10, 2011

Time: 7 pm - 9 pm

Location: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Room T/630, sixth floor, 899 Tenth Ave. between 58th and 59th Streets, Manhattan

Contact Person: Gerry@911communityforcommonground.com; 646.957.6442

Info: Admission is free. For security purposes, please bring a photo I.D. Presented by the 9/11 Community for Common Ground Initiative, the Arab American Family Support Center and the Dispute Resolution Program at John Jay College.

Just over a century ago, W.E.B. Du Bois posed a provocative question in his classic *The Souls of Black Folk*: How does it feel to be a problem? Now, Moustafa Bayoumi asks the same question about a new "problem " group in the United States and relies on seven young Arab Americans to provide the answer. Bayoumi presents striking portraits of 20-something Arab-Americans in Brooklyn who face surveillance and detentions, workplace discrimination, threats of vigilante violence, and the disappearance of friends or family—all trials that have faced the newest population in America to be tagged "problematic."

Join us in a discussion with Bayoumi, who will reflect on what it means to be Arab American and Muslim-American today, 10 years after the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Strengthening Capacity for Peacebuilding in Iraq through Higher Education

Date: Thursday, 29 September 2011

Time: 1 – 2:30 pm

Location: One UN Plaza (DC-1), Julia Taft Conference Room, 20th Floor

Info: Eight Iraqi professors are spending two weeks at New York University as part of a two-year project aimed at establishing the field of peace and conflict studies within the Iraqi university system. Their efforts are aimed at strengthening the two-year-old Master of Arts program in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Duhok (the only such programme in all of Iraq), deepening the research capacity of Baghdad University's Unit for Peace Studies and Human Rights, and generally introducing multi-disciplinary peace studies to the Iraqi higher education system. During their time in New York, the professors are working with NYU faculty to broaden and deepen courses they already teach as well as to develop new courses and lines of research.

In this presentation, they will address the importance of the Iraqi university as an institution for promoting critical thinking about issues related to peace and shifting societal norms about the use of violence in Iraq. They also will speak to the importance of deepening international academic partnerships as a critical step for peace building in Iraq.

Please be informed that there will be one organized pick-up at 12.45 p.m. in the DC-1 lobby for participants who do not have a UN pass which is needed to enter the building. We regret that arrivals after that time cannot be picked up and escorted into the building and will not be able to attend.

We have set up a telephone bridge for colleagues abroad who cannot join in person. Please see the instructions below on how to use **the telephone bridge**:

Call + 1 212 906 6244

1. Wait until the system prompts you for the conference ID 2. Enter the "Conference ID" 2547, then press # 3. Then the system will ask for the personal code 4. Enter the "Personal Code" 5322, then press "#" 5. Don't press anything for the chairperson, just wait 6. Say your name and wait online 7. You are now joined to the conference call

CUNY and SUNY Garfinkel Essay Contest

Date: Fall 2011/Spring 2012

Submission Deadline: April 2, 2012

Location: New York State

Contact: 212-428-2988

Info: Announcing the 2012 Garfinkel Essay Contest of the Historical Society of the Courts of the State of New York. The contest is open to students, from all academic disciplines, registered in CUNY and SUNY community colleges for the fall semester of 2011 and the spring semester of 2012. Please share this opportunity with students and faculty through the college website, publications, e-blasts, Facebook pages, etc. and include a link to www.nycourts.gov/history where the contest information is available.

TOPIC: Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War this year's contest topic is The Blue and the Gray: New York during the Civil War

PRIZES: This year the contest will award a \$1,500 First Prize, a \$1,000 Second Prize and a \$750 Third Prize. The winners will be honored at the Law Day Ceremony in May, 2012. The Ceremony is presided by The Chief Judge of the State of New York and attended by the Governor, the Attorney General and the Bench and Bar of New York.

DEADLINE, RESOURCES and RULES:

The essay submission deadline is April 2, 2012. Visit www.nycourts.gov/history for resources and the contest rules. Also available on the website are the essays of last year's winners: Amelia Weimar, Onondaga Community College; Kevin Volk, Genesee Community College; and James Gerber, Borough of Manhattan Community.