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A Message from the Director



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I recently was asked to give the opening address for the fifth annual Dartmouth Social Justice Awards and I focused on the connection between social justice and international understanding, a connection that can easily be overlooked.

On the face of it, the issues of international affairs seem remote indeed from the problems of social justice, and yet, at the heart of many international issues is a social justice concern. If we understand social justice to embody a world in which all members of global society have the same basic rights, security, and opportunities then indeed the great international scourges of our times, and of all times – war, poverty, famine and disease – are also social justice issues. Inequities of power and resource

distribution continue to lead to violent conflicts, with war affecting disproportionately those in society who are

The injustices that plague groups and societies can then be replicated, reinforced and institutionalized at the level of the international system. To begin to understand the world, then is also to recognize the causes and consequences of social inequity and injustice.

Because social justice issues are at the heart of many conflicts, both locally and globally, it is crucial that we as an institution of higher learning teach our students about, and give them the tools to promote better understanding and social justice. Part of this means teaching our students just how privileged we are compared to the rest of the world.

Fortunately for us, this task is made easier by the strong desire of Dartmouth students to know more about the world and to do something about the great social issues and injustices of our time. How do I know this to be true? From the standing room only audiences of students at the Paul Rusesabagina and Wangari Maathai talks; (both individuals who have made social justice a priority in their lives); from the activism of the students who participate in the Dartmouth Coalition for Global Health group; this year's Biloxi trip; Engineers without Borders; the Darfur Action group; and the Tucker Foundation program in Sieuna, Nicaragua; and from the numbers of Dartmouth graduates who go on to the Peace Corps.

The high rate of student participation in Language Study Abroad and Foreign Study Programs is also indicative of an internationally engaged student body, and international engagement requires confrontation with the issues of social justice. First hand experience with the reality of social justice in the world is transformative. Students who participate in the Dickey Center's own international internship program and Lombard public service fellowships tell us repeatedly how these experiences are life changing. Our job as educators is made easier by having a body of students so willing to learn about and work for social justice.

The greater task ahead of us lies in ensuring this organic enthusiasm does not give way to complacency. This commitment to social justice in the programs and practices of our College community must be further institutionalized so that we remain ever sensitive to, and ready to heed the call of social justice. The Dickey Center, thanks to a generous contribution by Andrew Lewin, Class of '81 and Marina Lewin, will this Spring inaugurate the annual Rabbi Marshall Meyer, Class of '52, Great Issues Lecture on Social Justice. We hope that by featuring an annual speaker on social justice, and through other programs that place our students face to face with social injustice as it exists throughout the world, the significance of this subject will remain at the core of our mission and an integral part of all we do here as well.

From here on out Dartmouth will be measured by your standards. Our hopes for you: honor the pursuit of truth, the love of beauty, and the brotherhood of man.

— JSD Valedictory to the Graduating Class, 1952

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weakest – children, women and minority groups. Poverty, is itself an affliction that affects the people of the world disproportionately, and income inequity is replicated and reinforced in the international system. Poverty furthermore underpins global health challenges like malnutrition, malaria and HIV/AIDS. Solve the poverty problem, and these health crises become manageable. Environmental damage including spreading Sahara desertification and pollution often follow from resource and income inequities as the poor in society deforest and pollute their land for lack of the resources that would give them more environmentally sound choices. This in turn makes their countries even poorer.



Hector Timerman

Ambassador Timerman Will Deliver Inaugural Rabbi Marshall Meyer Great Issues Lecture on Social Justice

Ambassador Hector Timerman, Argentina's Counsel General in New York, will discuss social justice in the context of his own and his father's struggles against state repression in Argentina and elsewhere.

Jacobo Timerman, an outspoken journalist, spent 30 months under house arrest in Argentina in the 1970's. This period when Argentina's military junta killed thousands of people, is detailed in his 1981 book, "Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number." Jacobo Timerman died in 1999, but his son has continued their campaign to achieve human rights for people in many countries.

"I always felt very proud of what my father did," Timerman recently told Newsweek magazine, "using his paper to fight a dictatorship. [As a journalist] you have a responsibility not only to write the story but to know that you have a power and an obligation to tell the truth, no matter what the risk you have to run."

Ambassador Timerman has served as the Consul General of Argentina and Director of the Promotion Center in New York since July of 2004. Previously he was a consultant for *Public Affairs Analyst*, and Editorial Director of *Latin American Finance*. He has written articles in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *The Nation* and the *Los Angeles Times*. Ambassador Timerman was co-founder and board member of Human Rights Watch.

The Rabbi Marshall Meyer Great Issues Lecture on Social Justice will be an annual Dickey Center event, made possible by a generous gift from the Andrew and Marina Lewin Foundation. Andrew Lewin is a member of the Dartmouth Class of 1981. Rabbi Meyer graduated from Dartmouth in 1952. He founded the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano, a rabbinical school that became a center of Conservative Judaism in Latin America. During the years of the Argentinean military regime of 1976-1982, Rabbi Meyer became a strong critic of the military government and its violations of human rights. He worked to save the lives of hundreds of people that were being persecuted by the regime and he visited prisoners in jails, among them the renowned journalist, Jacobo Timerman, who dedicated his book to the Rabbi, who "brought solace to Jewish, Christian and atheist prisoners." The annual lecture, drawing on the Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world through social action, will feature a person who is truly helping to "heal the world" and expressing the values that Rabbi Meyer saw as the core of Judaism.

The Dickey Center's Great Issues lectures commemorate John Dickey's conviction, embodied in the Great Issues Course taught at the College during his presidency, that an important part of a Dartmouth education is acquiring competence in civic engagement and responsibility. "The world's troubles are your troubles," he told Dartmouth students at Convocation in 1946, "and there is nothing wrong with the world that better human beings cannot fix."

The Chase Prizes 2006



Call for Submissions

We are pleased to announce the 2006 Chase Peace Prize competitions.

Funded through a bequest by Edward M. Chase, New Hampshire resident and philanthropist, the Chase Peace Prizes are awarded for the best undergraduate essay and best senior thesis pertaining to the causes of war and prospects for peace.

The Undergraduate essay contest carries a prize of \$500, and the Senior Thesis Prize award is \$1500 and the opportunity to return to campus next fall to participate in the Chase Peace Program event.

Essay submissions are due by March 31. Course papers ARE eligible.

Senior Thesis submissions are due by June 1.

For more information and guidelines, contact Chris Wohlforth at the Dickey Center, Chris.Wohlforth@Dartmouth.edu.

Kurtzer Named Spring 2006 Class of '50 Fellow

Ambassador Daniel C. Kurtzer will spend a week on the Dartmouth campus in May as this year's Class of 1950 Senior Foreign Affairs Fellow.

Currently the S. Daniel Abraham visiting Professor of Middle East Policy Studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Dr. Kurtzer served as the United States Ambassador to Israel from 2001-2005, and U.S. Ambassador to Egypt from 1997-2001. He was a member of the American delegation to the Israel-Palestinian autonomy negotiations 1979-1982; helped negotiate the creation of the Multinational Force and Observers 1981-1982; negotiated and oversaw the successful arbitration of the Taba border dispute between Israel and Egypt; crafted the 1988 peace initiative of Secretary of State George P. Shultz; and, in 1991, served as a member of the U.S. peace team that brought about the Madrid Peace Conference. Subsequently, he served as coordinator of the multilateral peace negotiations and as the U.S. Representative in the Multilateral Refugee Working Group. Kurtzer received several of the U.S. Government's most prestigious awards, including the President's Distinguished Service Award, the Department of State Distinguished Service Award, the National Intelligence Community's Award for

Achievement, and the Director General of the Foreign Service Award for Political Reporting.

Kurtzer will deliver the Class of '50 Senior Foreign Affairs Fellow lecture, "Terrorists, Tycoons, Tyrants and Theocrats: American Policy Challenges in the Middle East", on Tuesday, May 9 at 4:30 p.m. in Filene Auditorium. During the week of May 8 he will be available to participate in classes and meet with faculty members and student groups. Please call the Dickey Center (6-2023) to make arrangements.

The Class of '50 Fellows program was inaugurated in spring term 2001. Members of the Class of 1950 were the first to benefit from four full years of President Dickey's enterprise to better prepare future generations of Dartmouth students for global leadership. At their fiftieth reunion in the spring of 2000, the Class presented a generous gift to the Dickey Center, with the purpose "to bring distinguished foreign leaders, scholars, and specialists to the Dartmouth campus for short periods, to interface with the students on the important issues of the day." Class of 1950 Senior Foreign Affairs Fellows deliver a public lecture, and are also available for classroom talks, and for more informal discussions with students and faculty.



Active Awareness: Student Organizations Focus on Social Justice Concerns

In recent months, a variety of student groups on campus have organized events and initiatives that address social justice and humanitarian aid issues overseas. Many have sought to raise awareness and facilitate discussion through guest speakers, movie screenings, lecture series, and journal publications. These awareness campaigns are often connected with the dual goals to educate the Dartmouth community and to positively influence the situation abroad.

The Darfur Action Group is one example. Formed in the spring of 2005, the group has been instrumental in raising awareness about the scale of human tragedy in Darfur, Sudan. DAG has provided information through campus media and panel discussions. Students have also concentrated on pursuing ways to provide blankets, supplies, and other necessities directly to refugees and the citizens of Darfur, through international organizations that can reliably deliver them. Most recently, the group organized a discussion with filmmaker, Jen Marlowe, and screened her movie "BeDeeKee DarKee: Message from Home." Points addressed included women's health and safety issues, the actual role of the Sudanese government, the role of race and ethnicity in the conflict, and current living conditions in the region. In February DAG collaborated with the World Affairs Council of New Hampshire to bring Mr. Don Petterson, Former Ambassador to Sudan, to campus for a discussion of his firsthand experiences in the war-torn region.

Another area in which Dartmouth students have addressed social justice and humanitarian aid concerns is global health. The Dartmouth Coalition for Global Health is a forum for members of the Dartmouth community to share their experiences abroad and exchange information about international health issues, including humanitarian aid efforts being organized on campus and conducted abroad. Many of these stories are told in the most recent issue of the organization's hallmark journal *Standpoints*. The issue highlights both large-scale college projects, such as the Global Health Initiative in Tanzania, and individual efforts.

Contributing student authors write of their hands-on experiences in India, Costa Rica, Eastern Africa, Ecuador, and other regions. Contact DCGH directly, at dcgh@dartmouth.edu, to request a copy of the journal or to learn more about the group's most recent efforts on campus, including ongoing group meetings and lecture series.

Also on campus, Milan, the South Asian student's association at Dartmouth, has been active raising awareness of and donations to support relief efforts for the recent natural disasters in Asia. In February they held a benefit dinner for the victims of the Pakistani and North Indian earthquake of 2005. Nearly 125 members of the Upper Valley South Asian community, Dartmouth students and families participated in the event, with Vandana, the DCN Hip-Hop dancers and solo performers providing entertainment. Milan reports that over \$1,000 was raised for Asia Relief.

These are just a few of the ways in which Dartmouth students are working to both learn about – and address – international social justice concerns. The Dickey Center is pleased to be a sponsor of these activities that aim to educate the Dartmouth community about international social issues.

Thanks for Your Input

Dickey Director Ken Yalowitz presented Uriah Scott Ratliff '08 with a 60GB iPod. Uriah's name was randomly selected from the pool of all students who responded to our campus-wide, online student survey, which was conducted over the winter term.

The survey sought student feedback regarding international activities on campus, including questions about student interests and motivation, international content in the curriculum and extra-curricular programs, as well as student assessment of Dickey Center programming. We would like to thank all those who answered the survey questions and provided us with their thoughts and experiences regarding international activities at Dartmouth. Watch for highlights of the survey findings on the Dickey Center website.

Richard D. Lombard Public Service Fellowships

An opportunity for graduating seniors and recent graduates to apply the benefits of their Dartmouth education in service to others.

**Application Deadline:
April 27**

Contact Robert Clough at the Dickey Center to discuss international projects.

205 Baker Library
Phone 6-1040

Contact the Fellowships & Internships office at the Tucker Foundation for projects that will take place in the United States.

South Fairbanks
Phone 6-2558



Undergraduate War/Peace Studies Fellows

Fellows meet regularly to discuss current war and peace issues, films, and books; and they attend special seminars with prominent policymakers, scholars, writer, and artists who visit Dartmouth. Up to 12 Fellows will be selected, each of whom must be on campus for at least two of Fall, Winter and Spring Terms.

Application forms are available at the Dickey Center, **207 Baker Library**

Completed Applications are due by **Monday, May 15**

Fellows to be selected from the Classes of **'07, '08 and '09**



Dickey International Internships

Through its internship funding program, the Center offers financial support encouraging Dartmouth students to design leave-term internship experiences abroad.



Dickey Undergraduate Research Grants

The Center also supports students undertaking research projects (i.e. senior theses, culminating projects, or independent study taken for credit) that are international in theme or scope and require travel to resources not available at Dartmouth.

Apply now for SUMMER term funding.

Application Deadline: May 4

For information about funding, to discuss your internship or research project, or to obtain application forms, contact Robert Clough

205 Baker Library
Phone 6-1040

Upcoming Events

Note: Rooms are not confirmed at press time. Please check the Dickey Center website calendar for up-to-date information: www.dartmouth.edu/~dickey/calendar_events.html

Friday, April 14

"The Creative Spirit as a Force for Humanism", the Susanne Zantop Memorial Lecture

Speaker: Carlos Fuentes. Distinguished Latin American novelist, essayist and literary historian, Fuentes has been the Robert F. Kennedy Professor of Latin American Studies at Harvard University since 1987. He has received numerous literary awards, including the Cervantes Prize in 1987. Fuentes' major works include: *Where the Air is Clearer* (1958); *The Death of Artemio Cruz* (1962); *A Change of Skin* (1967); *Terra Nostra* (1975); *The Hydra Head* (1978); *The Old Gringo* (1985); and *The Campaign* (1990). Introductory remarks by President Wright
Filene Auditorium Moore Hall, 4:15 p.m.

Monday, April 17

"Unveiling the Scaffolding of State Terror: Art, Theatre and Protest in Argentina", the 2005 Chase Peace Prize panel discussion

Discussants include Chase Prize winner Cortelyou Kenney '05, Marguerite Feitlowitz Human rights activists and author of *A Legacy of Torture*, Inez Katzenstein
Filene Auditorium Moore Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20

"Women in Security", a Dickey Center Panel Discussion

Panelists: Avis Bohlen, U.S. Department of State Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Arms Control, US Ambassador to Bulgaria (1996-1999); Alina Romanowski, U.S. Department of State Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges; Mara Rudman '84, Senior Vice President at the Center for American Progress. From 1997-2001, Ms Rudman served Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Chief of Staff for the National Security Council. Moderator: Kenneth Yalowitz, Director of the Dickey Center
105 Dartmouth Hall, 4:30 p.m.



Avis Bohlen



Alina Romanowski



Mara Rudman

Monday, May 1

A Discussion of Religion and Tolerance sponsored by the Dartmouth Centers Forum

The religious observances of people have long been respected as individual expressions of a personal orientation toward the divine. Increasingly the news reports on two phenomena: the rise in conservative religious beliefs, and intolerance for opposing points of view. Is this the reality, or does the media distort and exaggerate the differences? A talk by two leading journalists will explore this, and other issues associated with religion and society in the 21st century. David VanBiema is the senior religion writer for Time Magazine, and Philippe Gelie is the Washington correspondent for LeFigaro
105 Dartmouth, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3

The Inaugural Rabbi Marshall Meyer Great Issues Lecture on Social Justice

Speaker: Hector Timerman, Ambassador, Consulate General of Argentina. (See story p. 2.)
Dartmouth Hall 105, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4

"America's Oil Addiction and National Security: Driving US to the Brink", a War and Peace Studies Program Panel

Panelists: Professor Michael Klare, Five College Program in Peace & World Security Studies, Hampshire College; and Aaron Friedberg, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University. Moderator Professor Allan Stam, Professor of Government and Chair of War & Peace Studies program
Filene Auditorium, Moore Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

"Terrorists, Tycoons, Tyrants and Theocrats: American Policy Challenges in the Middle East"

Class of 1950 Speaker Daniel Kurtzer, United States Ambassador to Israel 2001-2005, United States Ambassador to Egypt 1997-2001. (See story p. 2)
Filene Auditorium, Moore Hall, 4:30 p.m.



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