



## Occupy War Street

One of the more important dimensions of the economy that is being resisted in the Occupy Wall Street protests—now spread to over 1500 cities worldwide—is the obscene amount of money being spent on warmaking as opposed to the works that make for peace (e.g., health care, education, diplomacy, job training and creation, infrastructure repair, care for the environment, etc.). You can check out the ongoing amount at <http://costofwar.com/en/>. Last I checked, it was \$1.2 trillion and counting, with the Pentagon adding nearly another  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a billion dollars every year. And if you want to explore further, you can look up <http://nationalpriorities.org/>, a site that tells you what else we could do with all that money to make peace. To bring it closer to home, Milwaukee's share of the Pentagon's military spending for just this year, would provide a year's college tuition for more than 83,000 college students.

But why Wall Street? Because corporations have gained such access and influence over US war policy that we can credibly say that they “call the shots” when it comes to war-making. How?

1. **The Defense Policy Board** Some 30 representatives of various corporations meet at least four times a year with the US Department of Defense to advise the DoD on what weapons systems to buy and what countries are to be attacked, occupied, and invaded. The difficulty comes from the fact that all these companies stand to profit enormously if we do go to war. Are they concerned about the protection of the US, or about the padding of their portfolio?
2. **Campaign contributions** Pretty straightforward here. If a military corporation (like weapons manufacturers Lockheed-Martin and Boeing) contributes to a particular politician, it expects “payback” in the legislature. In 2010, military corporations gave \$4 billion to candidates (and 15% more to Obama than to McCain)
3. **The Business-Politics “Revolving Door”** Representatives of corporations that profit from

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## Study groups at work



## Invitation: share photos

The Undergraduate Nonviolence Study Group and the J.U.ST.I.C.E. student group are collaborating to create a photo display in the Alumni Memorial Union to highlight how people from all across campus are engaged in peacemaking. The display will feature pictures of members of the Marquette community holding a sign that reads “I am a peacemaker.” Underneath the picture will be a quote from that person that finishes the statement “I am a peacemaker because . . .”.


The students understand “peacemaking” in the broadest sense—that is, transforming structures and relationships to build communities where justice is fostered, truth can be pursued, and every person's needs are met. Through this project, these young people are helping the Marquette community realize that peaceful communities are built by individuals from all disciplines contributing their strengths and talents. This project is also a unique reminder for all on campus that everyone has a role to play in creating the beloved community.

We hope you will participate in the students' project by sending a picture of yourself with your “I am a peacemaker sign” and your response to how you would finish the statement “I am a peacemaker because . . .”. 

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war (like KBR or Halliburton) go into government and press the government for favorable legislation for their businesses. Politicians leave office with all their political connections, join corporations that profit from war, and “network” their way into larger and richer contracts.

4. **Hired PR Firms** These are hired by our government to “sell” our people on war. Doubt it? Look up the comments of White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card just before the White House began to “sell” the 2003 invasion of Iraq, as recorded in the NY Times, Sept. 6, 2002. After the Rendon PR Group successfully sold the war, they landed a massive contract to “report” on the “success” of the war from Iraq.
5. **CIA Personnel** Finally, we should know that representatives of those same PR firms and weapons manufacturers now staff about half the desks in the CIA. PR firms, and weapons corporations like Lockheed Martin, are gathering and analyzing data that determines whether or not we go to war.

With all that corporate strategy in operation, it is really important to hone the analytic skills we’re taught in this university, so that we don’t fall for the same corporate war-making strategies. And it’s important, too, as members of a Catholic university, to educate our hearts to “hear the cry of the poor.” 

For information about designating a portion of your estate to The Marquette University Center for Peacemaking, please contact the Office of Planned Giving at 414-288-7428, e-mail us at [plannedgiving@marquette.edu](mailto:plannedgiving@marquette.edu), or visit our website at [www.marquette.edu/plannedgiving](http://www.marquette.edu/plannedgiving). Your inquiry will be confidential and places you under no obligation.

We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your interest in making a planned gift to Marquette University.


## To ponder

From *Toward Reforming the International Financial and Monetary Systems in the context of Global Public Authority*, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, October 2011

Modern States became structured wholes over time and reinforced sovereignty within their own territory. But social, cultural and political conditions have gradually changed. Their interdependence has grown—so it has become natural to think of an international community that is integrated and increasingly ruled by a shared system—but a worse form of nationalism has lingered on, according to which the State feels it can achieve the good of its own citizens in a self-sufficient way.

Today all of this seems anachronistic and surreal, and all nations, great or small, together with their governments, are called to go beyond the “state of nature” which would keep States in a never-ending struggle with one another. Globalization, despite some of its negative aspects, is unifying peoples more and prompting them to move towards a new “rule of law” on the supranational level, supported by more intense and fruitful modes of collaboration. With dynamics similar to those that put an end in the past to the “anarchical” struggle between rival clans and kingdoms with regard to the creation of national states, today humanity needs to be committed to the transition from a situation of archaic struggles between national entities, to a new model of a more cohesive, polyarchic international society that respects every people’s identity within the multifaceted riches of a single humanity.

Such a passage, which is already timidly under way, would ensure peace and security, development, and free, stable and transparent markets for the citizens of all countries, regardless of their size or power. As John Paul II warns us, “Just as the time has finally come when in individual States a system of private vendetta and reprisal has given way to the rule of law, so too a similar step forward is now urgently needed in the international community”.

The time has come to conceive of institutions with universal competence, now that vital goods shared by the entire human family are at stake, goods which individual States cannot promote and protect by themselves. 

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# Szymczak Fellows

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Bill and Terry Szymczak with Fellows Emily Hoffman, Chris Jeske, and Colleen O'Connor.

Szymczak Peacemaking Fellowship foster the development of nonviolent peacemakers by providing students the opportunity to put nonviolence into practice. Each year for the last four years, the Center for Peacemaking has offered grants for Marquette students to explore the power of nonviolence. Students develop a project in which they will work independently or with existing peacemaking and/or development organizations.

The Center for Peacemaking staff and the Fellows in the photo met with the Szymczaks this summer. The Fellows were able to share about their peacemaking projects and how they affected their lives. ✨

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## Encouraging response

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After reading the Center for Peacemaking's newsletter, **Hans-Christoph von Sponeck, former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations**, wrote:

Dear Simon,

*I just returned from an assignment at the UN Staff College in Torino and am on my way to my summer school teaching at the University of Marburg. It is 1:30 a.m. and before I close my eyes, I just want to send warm greetings and word of thanks. "The Gift of Forgiveness" is a beautiful, inspiring, timely, and important contribution of yours. On one page you raise a potato sack full of thoughts that have to do with us and the world in which live right now. It rejects the ease with which the word "killing" is uttered and shows the power of compassion. What you write is an immense encouragement! For this a big "thank you"!*

Cordially,

Hans ✨



Szymczak Award recipients Katie Hansen, Nora Kennelly, Emily Hoffman, Sean O'Reilly, and Leah Todd pose with Fr. Simon

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## In their own voices

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Szymczak Peacemaking Fellowships recipients Emily Hoffman and Nora Kennelly share thoughts about the role of the Center in their lives:

**Emily:** *I am drawn to come back to the Center time after time because of the community of people I find there. Participants in the Center come from a range of experiences and fields of study, but are drawn there by a common passion for peacemaking. This passion and drive make for an invigorating atmosphere that rejuvenates and energizes me to engage in discussion, take action, and apply peacemaking to my daily life. The opportunities within the programs and my participation in the Center have been educational, informative, and life changing.*

**Nora:** *The Non-violence Study Group changed the way I view peacemaking. I joined this student group three years ago. Every year I have been drawn back because of the wonderful community. Each week with good friends, I continue to learn about a variety of peacemakers and peacemaking strategies. Over the years we studied eco-justice issues, simple living, budgeting and peacemaking, historical peacemakers, modern movements, and worked to engage the Marquette, Milwaukee, and national community. As part of this group, I better understand peacemaking in the broadest sense as transforming structures and relationship to build communities where justice is fostered, truth can be pursued, and all persons' needs are met. ✨*

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# The Center beyond Wisconsin

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## In Illinois

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This summer the Center for Peacemaking received a grant from the **Daniel P. Haerther Charitable Trust** to implement its **Marquette University Peace Works (MU PW)** program at three schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago. MU PW, a peace-building and conflict resolution program, aims to reduce violence by increasing young people's capacity to identify and resolve conflicts nonviolently.

MU PW fosters positive youth development, the reduction of youth violence, and the transformation of students' interpersonal and group behaviors. As young people learn peer mediation and peacemaking skills, they are progressively transformed. Students identify themselves as members of a peacemaking community and, individually, they internalize the values and practices of peacemaking as a component of their lives. Consequently, they transform their schools and communities.

Teaching students to constructively resolve conflicts leads to improvement in overall school climate and increases in academic achievement. Students who are schooled in integrative negotiation and peer mediation procedures score significantly higher on classroom achievement tests and tests designed to measure knowledge and conceptual understanding of material. (Johnson, D.W. & Johnson, R. (2004) Implementing the "Teaching Students To Be Peacemakers Program")

The MU PW program in Chicago is being put into action by two impressive and creative peacemakers:

### Meet Henry Cervantes



Beloved community, my name is Henry Cervantes Torres. My story begins with my family in Mexico. My ancestors are from a hidden valley surrounded by the Sierra Madre Mountains in Iguala in the state of Guerrero. My mother migrated from Mexico to the United States where she settled in the Mexican capital of the Midwest, Chicago's immigrant community, *La Villita* (Little Village).

Growing up and in my youth, I was always searching for a sense of purpose. I understand meaningful purpose is not something we find; it is something we must create. Being raised within the Mexican immigrant experience, I have developed a passion for working with young people for peace and social justice. Youth programs I have created include Youth Service for Peace,

the annual Little Village Youth Forum, the Nonviolence Leadership Institute, and recently I have established the Nonviolence Network in our community.

Currently, I am nontraditional undergraduate student at Northeastern Illinois University / University Without Walls majoring in Youth Development and Violence Prevention. My family history and community have made me who I am today. I am because they once were and because they still are. No one is someone without anyone. I have come to understand that life as we know it is only in the here and now; we have an obligation to advance it. In order to advance life, we must have peace. To have peace, we must prevent violence. To prevent violence we must believe and practice nonviolence.

It is with great enthusiasm that I join the Marquette University Center for Peacemaking and am looking forward to working as the Peace Works Program Trainer for the Catholic Schools in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago. I am happy to serve as a bridge between the university and our broader community teaching the importance of peace and nonviolence.

### ... and Molly Dull



Greetings, friends of the Center for Peacemaking! My name is Molly Dull and I am excited to introduce myself as the Center's PeaceWorks program coordinator for this year's Chicago expansion. Even though I'm a Cleveland native, I have deep roots in Chicago from my undergraduate years at Loyola University Chicago where I obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Women Studies/ Gender Studies and International Studies. Loyola's curriculum, combined with its many out-of-classroom service and justice opportunities, ignited a fire in my heart for nonviolence conflict mediation and alternative systems of justice. My passion for empowering young people stems from many years of working with student leaders. I know PeaceWorks will be a wonderful way to allow youth to develop their own leadership skills and work toward a vision of community over which they will have authorship.

While we are just beginning to step into the classroom with these eager students and educators of Pilsen, I do think one of the

most important steps has already been taken—a decision to commit to the ideals of peaceful and inclusive intentional community-building in one of Chicago’s most vibrant, unique neighborhoods. I am very encouraged by the possibility that lies before us the rest of the school year. Henry and I will be sure to send word of our progress as it develops. PeaceWorks is truly the Center for Peacemaking’s mission in action and I am grateful to be part of it.

*Peace is not something you wish for; it’s something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away.* Robert Fulghum

## In Florida

Dr. Betty Harmatys Park, MU 64, has been reaching out from the Marquette Center for Peacemaking to the Lifelong Learning Academy students at the University of South Florida in Sarasota. The peacemaking/forgiving class she teaches there called “The Everyday Art of Forgiving” enrolls many students transplanted to or wintering in Florida.

From her background as a social worker and a primary prevention mental health educator, Dr. Park teaches about the human ability and need to forgive. As a sociologist, she asks her students to consider whether the health and stability of any society depends in part on forgiveness. Is forgiveness a social imperative? Park believes that forgiving yourself and others is not a mysterious or impossible task. It is a dynamic process, a uniquely human accomplishment that can be understood and practiced by individuals, communities, and nations. Park teaches that forgiving facilitates reconciliation, restores relationships and increases peacefulness, non-violence, and creativity in personal and social living.

## In Africa



Colleen O’Conor

**Colleen O’Conor**, a senior International Affairs major at Marquette, accepted a prestigious **Boren Scholarship** for the fall semester to learn Swahili at the State University of Zanzibar in Tanzania.

The program began last summer with eight weeks of intensive language study at the University of Florida.

Colleen and fellow students spent the weekends with native Swahili-speaking families sharing their culture and delicious meals of Ugali and Sukuma Wiki. She explained, “Swahili is an interesting language to learn because it is a combination of Bantu and Arabic with influences from Portuguese, English, and French.”

At the State University of Zanzibar, Colleen will have the opportunity to master Swahili through her studies and by using her new language skills daily while living with a host family. Her host family is composed by a mother, her teenage daughter, and a niece. Colleen believes that “being able to communicate in someone’s own language is key to getting to know them as a person.” She is excited to get to know her new ‘family’ and learn about life in a Muslim household. As part of the curriculum, Colleen will also work one-on-one with language tutors and have the option to complete an internship or independent research project on a relevant topic. For updates on Colleen’s experience in Tanzania, visit the Marquette Global Facebook page.

Boren Scholarships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP) and provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduates for study abroad in geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to the future security of our nation. In exchange, students commit to working for one year in a position that contributes to national security. Colleen is interested in working with the Peace Corps or USAID, but is still investigating her options. ✨

## Will there be a 10th?

On January 15, 2012, the Center for Peacemaking will celebrate its fifth anniversary. In these short five years, the Center for Peacemaking has become the center of operations for peacemaking at Marquette. It is a base community where students are introduced to nonviolence. It is a gathering place for alumni and the wider community to develop plans and formulate ideas to address some of the most pressing issues facing Milwaukee, the United States, and the world. It is a place where personal and societal transformation begins. The Center’s success continues because over the years everyone is giving something to build this community.

Despite our success as peacemakers, the Center is barely surviving financially. We have recently launched a fundraising initiative to make sure the Center has the financial resources to continue for the next five years. If the Center is to celebrate a tenth anniversary, everyone is going to need to give something. We know supporting the Center is important to you and others. We hope you will consider making a gift. Remember, something is better than nothing. Thanks for all you do. ✨



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