

Greetings PAGS alums and friends,

We are pleased to share some glimpses of the gathering of the Peace and Global Studies Alum Collective (PACE) of Earlham on August 27th. PAGS students, alums, faculty and friends met at the Pendle Hill Quaker Center near Philadelphia, PA to explore “Networking for Social Change.” The daylong and evening events were very rewarding.

One impressive highlight of the weekend was hearing stories of what graduates are doing in the world today. We were particularly moved by Sheila Stumph '00 who this year received the Howard Richards Ethical Construction Award. She is the founder of the Ailanthus Catholic Worker House in Raleigh, North Carolina, half a mile from Central Prison where 170 prisoners are facing capital punishment. Sheila and her husband Scott Langley provide support and hospitality for folks visiting loved ones on Death Row.

We had a chance to talk about the PAGS Department in a time of transition. Current director, Caroline Higgins will retire in 2007 and the administrative faculty position with Julie Bruns as PAGS Coordinator is scheduled to be reduced to a part time job after the Plowshares grant ends in the summer of 2006. A committee of concerned alums was formed to address these issues. Among Julie's many involvements is her leadership in the PACE Student Mentoring Committee and as with all PACE subgroups, anyone interested is welcomed to be part of these efforts.

Susan Hillman (hillmsu@earlham.edu) came from the Earlham Admissions Office to help us think about supporting efforts to recruit PAGS students to the college. Like some of us, feel free to give Susan your business card, recommend High School student candidates, and consider attending College Fairs.

We had the chance to hear about Tony Bing's recent trip to the Middle East and the alum trip he is offering to Palestine in the summer 2006 (if interested, contact tonyb@earlham.edu). We heard about Caroline Higgins and Howard Richards recent work in Rosario, Argentina and brainstormed about alums supporting student May term experiences.

The evening event spectacularly emceed by Newsha Moraveji Dau gave us a chance to hear about students and alums who participated in the World Social Forum in Brazil in January 2005. We were treated with the Philadelphia ASCAB Capoeira group (including PAGS alum Sarah Gish-Kraus '03, and Kacie King '03). Capoeira is a martial art/dance that started as a form of resistance from slaves in Brazil.

We are so thrilled with the success of this event!!! For many of us it confirmed why we were PAGS students at Earlham. It was wonderful chance to come together as a community of alums, professors, and current students. Many of us left renewed and reenergized – ready to go back and work for social change.

Thank you to all who came and for those that supported this event. We hope to stay active as an alum network and continue to gather regionally and on occasion, nationally.

Pace,

PAGS Alum Collective planing committee

We are so grateful so many folks could make it!!!

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Jenny Aleshire

Mark Andreas

Kozue Araki

Tony Bing

Jacob Blickenov

Christopher Blinn

Lacey Boland

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Julie Bruns

Emily Citkowski

Tamara Clark

Andrés Thomas Conteris

Schuyler Cunningham

Sarah Gish-Kraus

Arin Hanson

Erin Harvey

Caroline Higgins

Susan Hillman

Newsha Moraveji Dau

Howard Richards

Marta Rose

Molly Slothower

Sheila Stumph

Marie Tillema

Carolyn Thompson

Mark Webb

Rebecca White

John Beer

Fran Nicholson Beer

Mike Blum

Irma Blum

Charles Frantz

Mary Frantz

Josina Cooper Guess

Michael Guess

Susan Kensill

Tim Nicholson

Joan Nicholson

Dave Thomas

Deb Will

Mary Simon

Chris Wisler (Mary's husband)

Kelly Cunningham

Kacie King

Bjorn Jensen

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