

Promoting peace activities informed by peace research

Update from the President

Dear Colleagues,

At this time, we are all shocked and saddened by the invasion of Ukraine. The work of peace research community becomes even more vitally important in light of this. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the many refugees. Our gratitude and thanks go to the many people throughout the world accepting and helping the refugees.

I looked back through our recent Peace Research Grant Awardees and Senesh Fellows and wanted to particularly highlight the work of three scholars who do research related to refugees and civilians caught in the middle of conflict.

[Danielle Falk](#) is working on a project entitled “Agents of Peace: The Lived Experience of Teachers Working Amidst Forced Displacement and Protracted Conflict in South Sudan and Uganda.”

[Arianna Pacifico's](#) research is also related: “Promoting Social Cohesion and Peace Through Policies of Inclusion: A Comparative Case Study of Refugee Education in Lebanon and Turkey.”

[Sweta Sen's](#) dissertation explores why some non-state armed groups voluntarily comply with international humanitarian norms and subsequently contribute significantly to the protection of civilians in situations of conflict.

The goal of the Foundation is to fund this type of research which can have lasting effects throughout the world. We will continue to highlight the work of scholars in this area.

Sincerely,
Dr. Linda M. Johnston, President



2023 IPRA Conference *NEWS*

- The next IPRA Conference will take place in Trinidad & Tobago in May 2023! The conference is titled *Rooted Futures: Visions of Peace and Justice*, and the new [IPRA 2023 website](#) has all the exciting details—including the critically important [Call for Papers](#) to enrich the conference dialogues.
- “The conference aims, as does IPRA and the field of peace studies itself, to promote dialogue across disciplines. Diverse formats and activities are encouraged, and ongoing relationships will be nurtured. In so doing, [IPRA 2023] promises to be a site of critical dialogue, reflection, and action—a truly unique and urgently needed opportunity to advance progressive justice and peacebuilding strategies.”
- We are also pleased to announce the latest issue of [Peace & Change](#) (January 2022). The newest edition of the [Journal of Peace Education](#) is also available!

Peace Research Grants

We are proud to have two funding cycles per year. We provide up to a \$5000 grant to peace researchers around the world.

- [Click here for more information about the Peace Research Grant and our previous recipients.](#)
- The application cycle will open again July 1, 2022, with a deadline of August 31, 2022.
- Please contact our Grants and Scholarship Coordinator, Crystal Money, (ipraf.crystal@gmail.com) with any questions.

Our three most-recent PRG awardees from November 2021 now have informative webpages about their work! (Please click the links below.)



[Terence Mashingaidze](#) is from Zimbabwe. His project is titled *Zimbabwe's Disregarded Victims and the Pitfalls of State Centered Peacebuilding Interventions in Africa, 1980-2017*

[Danielle Falk](#) is from the USA. Her project is titled *Agents of Peace: The Lived Experiences of Teachers Working Amidst Forced Displacement and Protracted Conflict in South Sudan and*

Uganda



[Eria Serwajja](#) is from Uganda. His project is titled *'Informal' Land Demarcation Systems: A Lifeline to De-escalation of Land Conflicts and Promotion of Peace in Post-conflict Northern Uganda*



Senesh Fellowship Update



We are also immensely proud to announce that our Senesh Fellow from

the years 2018–2019, [Basant Motawi](#), of Egypt, has just completed her Ph.D. in Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Maryland. Congratulations Basant!

The Dorothy Marchus Senesh Fellowship provides two biennial (every other year) fellowships awarded to women from the developing world for studies in the field of peace.

- The Fellowships provide \$5,000 per year for two years for both women, for a total of \$10,000 each.
- The Senesh Fellowship application cycle will open

Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Mission

The mission of the IPRA Foundation is to advance the field of peace research through rigorous investigation into the causes of conflict and examination of alternatives to violence. Peace researchers inform peace activities that inspire visions of a peaceful world.

Vision

The vision of the IPRA Foundation is to:

- Inspire visions of a peaceful world
- Promote knowledge of non-violent peace strategies
- Increase the number of peace scholars around the world
- Encourage peace science and arts
- Grow worldwide communication and collaboration among peace researchers
- Further the purpose and activities of IPRA

CORE VALUES

- Impactful and socially relevant research: We value original research, and peace activities informed by that research, that contributes to the world community and engages key stakeholders.
- Positive Peace: We value peace and justice by nonviolent means.
- Respect: We value respecting dignity, humanity, identity and diversity.
- Empowerment: We value research by people of and within the most vulnerable and marginalized areas of our world community.

Support Peace Research in these challenging times—we need it more than ever

The current challenges of the world stem from a variety of systemic and institutional concerns, but at the end of the day, we need to understand the underlying issues in a way that only consistent research can provide. Please consider donating to the IPRA Foundation this year to help continue the much needed funding for researchers all over the world.

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