



Promoting peace activities informed by peace research

Update from the President

Dear Colleagues,

As we continue to watch the invasion of Ukraine, we are saddened by the level and extent of the aggression. It seems that all chances for talks have broken down.

Meanwhile, the importance of our work at the IPRA Foundation continues to be evident and the Foundation continues to receive excellent applications for peace research projects which have the potential to directly affect and sustain peace.

We are excited to announce that we have just finished funding five wonderful new research projects! Please take a look at the work of these wonderful scholars:

- [Yesim Hanci](#) from Turkey (studying in New York, NY)
- [Tesfaye Gudeta Gerba](#) from Ethiopia
- [Ardeth Maung Thawngmung](#) from Myanmar
- [Ross Caputi](#) from the USA
- [Ekta Oza](#) from India

Our new Peace Research Grant Application cycle opened July 1, 2022 and will remain open for applications until August 31, 2022.

We are also proud to note that one of our IPRA Foundation board members, **Olivier Urbain**, Director of the Min-On Music Research Institute (MOMRI) facilitated workshop sessions in 2021 for the University of Maiduguri, in Nigeria—the birthplace of Boko Haram and brutalized and hurt by unrelenting violence for decades. The workshop was called "Music in Peacebuilding" and held during the SDG Graduate School "Performing Sustainability, Cultures and Development in West Africa." One of the PhD students there in the workshop, Danja, from Nigeria, happened to be a professional musician, and created this wonderful song and music video [We Are the Future](#).

Sincerely,

Dr. Linda M. Johnston, President
IPRA Foundation



NEWS: 2023 IPRA Conference

- The next IPRA Conference will take place in Trinidad & Tobago **May 17–21, 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 \$5,000 grant to peace researchers around the world.

- [Click here for more information about the Peace Research Grant and our previous recipients.](#)
- The application cycle opened 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 five most recent PRG awardees from May, 2022 now have informative webpages about their work! (Please click the links below.)

[Yesim Hanci](#) is from Turkey, studying in New York, USA. Her project is titled *The role of Turkish teachers in promoting*



peace and social cohesion through the inclusion of refugee students in Turkish public schools.

[Tesfaye Gudeta Gerba](#) is from Ethiopia. His project is titled *Women in Intra-/Inter-Ethnic Conflicts and Peacemaking: The Case of Borana Women in Southern Oromiyaa, Ethiopia*



[Ardeth Maung Thawngmung](#) is from Myanmar. Her project is titled *How have some villages remained peaceful in violent-prone areas? The role of local administrators in post-coup Myanmar.*



[Ross Caputi](#) is from the USA. His project is titled *A People's History of Fallujah: Using Reparative Oral History to Bring Iraqi and American Veteran Voices Together*



[Ekta Oza](#) is from India. Her project is titled *Growing up in Conflict: Experiences, Friendships and Play for Children and Young People in Kashmir*



Current PRG Awardee



Our 2021 Peace Research Grantee, [Dr. Pinar Temocin](#) from the Center for Peace, Hiroshima University, Japan, researches the nexus of environmental sustainability and energy governance and policies as part of her IPRAF project. Her research has been accepted for publication in *Peace Review*, a very high-quality journal exploring peace, conflict, human rights, development, and ecology-related issues. At the same time, she was awarded a conference and travel grant from the American Sociological Association (ASA). Dr. Temocin will represent [her](#)

Past Senesh Fellow News



[Dr. Sweta Sen](#) is an Assistant Professor at the Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal University in India. She was a full-time visiting lecturer at Butler University, Indiana, and an instructor at Kent State University.

Her dissertation titled “When Rebels talk Human Rights: Non-State Armed Groups and Humanitarian Agreements” explores why some non-state armed groups (NSAGs) voluntarily comply with international humanitarian norms and subsequently contribute significantly to the protection of civilians in situations of conflict. Her academic interests revolve around understanding the politics of non-state governance, rebel legitimacy-building, and non-state statehood. She has received several academic fellowships and support for her work including the Senesh Fellowship from the International Peace Research Association Foundation and Teaching Fellowship from Kent State University. In fact, the Senesh Fellowship was instrumental in lessening the financial burden and giving her the time to focus on research and writing during the final days of her graduation. She earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from Kent State University in 2019. Her teaching focuses on comparative politics, politics of civil wars, globalization, international organization, and peace studies. Her work based on one of her dissertation chapters has been published in "Local Peacebuilding and Legitimacy: Interactions between National and Local Levels" (2018) published by Routledge Press. She is presently working on social movements and their impact on women's decision-making agencies at home.



[Nyingilanyeofori Hannah Brown](#) is a peacebuilding and international development practitioner with more than nine years of experience in crisis management, collaborative peacebuilding, and development. She has worked with various development agencies and departments,

including United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Corporación para el Desarrollo Sostenible del Archipiélago de San Andrés, Providencia y Santa Catalina, Colombia (CORALINA). Her interests include corporate social responsibility and sustainable governance; crisis management; religious, racial, and ethnic

coexistence, disadvantaged populations, and sustainable development.

Nyingilanyeofori is a Ph.D. candidate in the Global Governance and Human Security program at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She obtained her two MA degrees in Sustainable International Development and Coexistence and Conflict from Brandeis University.

Hannah was also a Senesh Fellow. And after receiving the fellowship, she was involved in several projects, including research on how nonviolent religious processes influence hate narratives in conflict situations using the Harvard University School of Divinity Religious Peace Practices database. She also contributed to the 2019 Changing Faces of Greater Boston Report and the 2020 Massachusetts Early Education and Care Workforce Survey project.

Nyingilanyeofori has also taught various classes at UMass Boston, including The Social Responsibilities of Corporations around the Globe course at the Honors College. And she was part of the consultant team for the graduate degree class on Conflict in Workgroups in the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance.

Presently, Hannah is working on UMass Boston's AARP filling in the Gap project. She is responsible for developing culturally responsive training materials on older adults specific to various demographic minority groups, including Haitians, Cape Verdeans, Somalians, and Ethiopians in the Metro Boston Area. This project aims to strengthen culturally competent outreach programming on economic security for low-income older adults in Massachusetts. She is also working on the data collection phase of her dissertation research on Corporate Social responsibility, Culture, and Conflict. This research explores Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) inculcation in corporations and how it affects their organizational culture and conflict relations with their host communities, especially in developing countries, using multinational oil and gas corporations in Nigeria as case studies.

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 again October 1, 2022.

Call for Papers!

The Asia Pacific Peace Research Association International Conference on “Redefining Peace Towards a Just, Non-violent, and Sustainable Future of the World” will be organized at The University of Science and Technology-Meghalaya, India, October 10–12, 2022.

For further details on APPRA and APPRA Conference, please visit the [APPRA website](#). APPRA 2022 invites papers and presentations related to the conference theme based on research, observations, and other experiences at: <http://surl.li/chftz>

The deadline is July 30, 2022.

For more information contact: apprapeace2022@gmail.com

Past Newsletters

Please take a look at our brand new [Newsletters](#) webpage!

The IPRA Foundation first started publishing occasional newsletters in 2013 and this ePublication is now published quarterly to describe the important work of the foundation, provide notifications about upcoming conferences, and highlight our grantees' articles, publications and successes in their work and careers as peace researchers. With this new webpage resource, scholars can link the newsletter announcement of their grant to articles regarding their work with the IPRA Foundation.

Mission, Vision, and Core Values

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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