

## SUMMER 2023 Newsletter

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### Update from the President

Dear Colleagues,

I hope everyone is taking time to connect with friends and family during the summer holidays. With the stresses the world is experiencing, it is still important to take time to care for your support circle as well as yourself. Many people I have spoken to have just started to travel again as the pandemic begins to become less of an ongoing concern, taking the opportunity to see others they haven't seen in three years. Colleagues are also meeting again to plan future projects, especially now that they are able to travel for gathering data again.

We are very happy to announce that in May, the Foundation awarded grants to three new Peace Research Grant scholars. You can read all about their wonderful projects in the *Peace Research Grants* box below. They are:

- Abosede Omowumi Babatunde is from Nigeria. The title of her research is: "*Women, Environmental Conflict and Peacebuilding in Extractive Communities in Nigeria's Oil-rich Niger Delta*".
- Emmanuel Viga is from Uganda. The title of his research is: "*The Role of Refugee Peace Initiatives and Everyday Assistance(s) as Tools for Harmonizing Land Conflicts Between Refugees and Hosts in Protracted Crisis*".
- Mohammed Yimam Endris is from Ethiopia. The title of his research is: "*The Transformations, Challenges and Resilience of Conflict Resolution: The case of Abegar in North Eastern Ethiopia*".

Six Peace Research Grant recipients and two IPRA Foundation Board Members recently attended the IPRA Conference in Trinidad. Five of the scholars presented the results of their IPRA Foundation-funded research projects at the IPRA Foundation Plenary session: Susan Brewer-Osorio, Colleen O'Brien, Peter Cousins, Nisan Alisi, and Rajib Timalsina. Additionally, Bose Babatunde, who had just received a Peace Research Grant, was in attendance and presented a paper. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the research done by the individual recipients as well as the variety of studies done in the field of peace research. See the box below for some IPRA Conference photos!

The Peace Research Grants application process opened again on July 1 and will close on August 31. If you know of anyone who is doing interesting research, please encourage them to apply.

Linda

Dr. Linda M. Johnston  
President, IPRA Foundation



## 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 next application cycle opens July 1 and closes August 31, 2023.
- Please contact our Grants Coordinator, Crystal Money ([ipraf.crystal@gmail.com](mailto:ipraf.crystal@gmail.com)) with any questions.

Our three most recent PRG recipients now have informative webpages about their work. (Please click the links below.)



[Abosede Omowumi Babatunde](#) (Nigeria) -  
*"Women, Environmental Conflict and  
Peacebuilding in Extractive Communities in  
Nigeria's Oil-rich Niger Delta"*

[Emmanuel Viga](#) (Uganda) - *"The Role of  
Refugee Peace Initiatives and Everyday  
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[Mohammed Yimam Endris](#) (Ethiopia) - *"The Transformations, Challenges and Resilience of Conflict Resolution: The case of Abegar in North Eastern Ethiopia"*



### In Memoriam



We are greatly saddened to announce the passing of our long-time and much loved Board Member and Past Board President, [Ian Harris](#). You can read Ian's obituary [here](#). Ian was the first Peace Research Grants Program administrator and was the prime mover in beginning the Foundation's highly successful Peace Research Grants Program.

### IPRA Foundation Plenary at IPRA Conference

The recent IPRA Conference in Trinidad and Tobago May 17-21 allowed the IPRA Foundation an opportunity to present a Plenary highlighting five of our grantees' foundation-funded research projects. IPRA Foundation President Dr. Linda M. Johnston facilitated the Plenary, which was very well received by conference attendees.

Our grantees who presented were:

- [Colleen O'Brien](#), (USA) 2017 *"Strangers to Peace: Investigating the Reintegration of FARC Combatants through Ethnographic Filmmaking"*
- [Nisan Alici](#), (Turkey) 2019 *"Transitional Justice in an Ongoing Conflict: A victim-centered analysis of Transitional Justice mechanisms in the context of the Kurdish Conflict"*
- [Peter Cousins](#), (UK, Spain) 2019 *"The International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) and its Contribution to Civilian Diplomacy"*
- [Susan Brewer-Osorio](#), (USA) 2020 *"The Collective Reincorporation of*

- [Rajib Timalisina](#), (Nepal) 2021 *“Performance and Arts for Peace-dialogues in Schools”*



Plenary Panel Speakers L-R: Colleen O'Brien, Rajib Timalisina, Nisan Alici, Peter Cousins, Susan Brewer-Osorio, Linda Johnston, facilitator.



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IPRAF Plenary Panel Speakers at IPRA Conference

## Past Newsletters

Please take a look at our 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

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.

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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