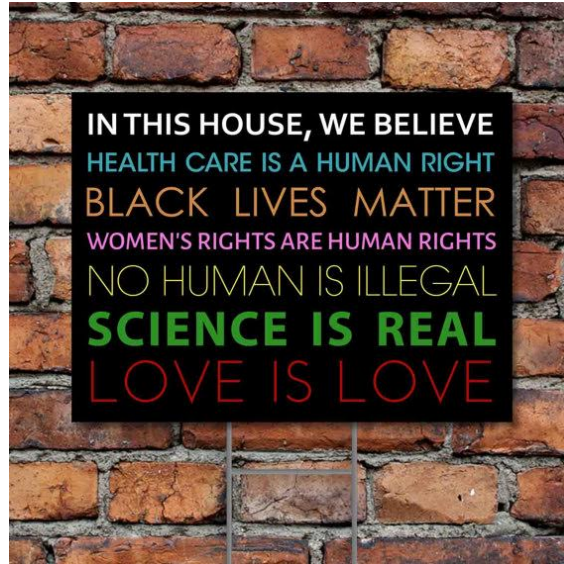


The Peace, Justice, and Human Rights (PJHR) Program at John Carroll University



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From the Director's Desk

Last fall, when I began as director of the Peace, Justice, and Human Rights program, I shared Robin Kelley's words in our first newsletter: "Love. Study. Struggle." I love the order of this invitation. The election of Donald Trump has exposed much hatred in our world. What happened in Charlottesville, with its brazen marching of Nazis and white supremacists, must be confronted and rejected. Yet resistance is never enough. Not without a vision of a better world, not without an abiding sense of love. Not without constant study to understand the conditions that produce and abet such hatred, to fight the blurring of facts and untruths. Not without active struggle for political and social change.

I am constantly inspired—and pushed—by students and colleagues who make this their work. People like Amy Kato and Dr. Paul Lauritzen, who always urge PJHR to become public about where we stand. My wife Amy recently bought a sign for our yard (see above) that states clearly where we stand. We joked that it would be stolen in a matter of hours. But every day we wake and we see it still stuck in our yard, we laugh at our good fortune. If it goes (or when it goes), we'll replace it. Now is the time for people to declare their solidarity with the most vulnerable, to struggle over the direction of this great but flawed country of ours.

This fall, we have a great lineup of talks, events, and workshops to supplement your studies and your work: two events to raise awareness about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a day-long conference on the nonviolent tradition in Catholic social teaching, and a workshop on Conflict Resolution, among other things. Also keep your eye out for the Program in Peacebuilding in Ireland information sessions at 5pm and 7pm on September 12th! [We had another great trip to Ireland and Northern Ireland in May](#). You can see Rachel Lefebre's [poetic film version](#) as well. Finally, check out the [Social Justice movie series on Mondays at 6:30!](#)

Love. Study. Struggle. This is our work. It is the work of people who provide light in a dark world, who show courage in the face of fear, who can think critically and imagine passionately, who act with wisdom and hope.

Feel free to forward this email along to others. Also, I welcome any student, faculty,

or staff who have projects related to PJHR that they would like to bring to John Carroll. Drop me an email (pmetres@jcu.edu) or come by to O'Malley 219. Let's make this campus, and our world, a place of hope. Love. Study. Struggle.

Philip Metres

Director, Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Program

Welcome to Julie Whitmore!



Julie Whitmore, a sophomore, is joining the PJHR team this year. She is very involved in social justice movements on campus along with being a member of Students for Social Justice. Furthermore she is excited to explore more about all that PJHR has to offer through the newsletter, events, and social media. She hopes to spread the word about this fantastic and impactful program throughout campus and bring back wisdom and experience on her upcoming immersion trip to Nicaragua. We're so happy to have Julie join the team!



Welcome to Anna Hocevar!

New PJHR assistant Anna Hocevar received her B.A. from John Carroll and has been an invaluable administrative assistant for the English Department for twenty-four years. Welcome Anna!

**The Events:
Mark Your Calendars!**

9/14 7pm Christopher Kempf, Rodman Hall Meeting Room A

John Carroll University alum (2007)
Christopher Kempf will be giving a talk and a reading. He is the author of [*Late in the Empire of Men*](#), which won the 2015 Levis Prize from Four Way Books. Recipient of a



Blessed Are the Peacemakers Re-imagining a World of Active Nonviolence

Saturday, September 30, 2017
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Dolan Science Center -John Carroll University



Pushcart Prize, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, and a Wallace Stegner Fellowship from Stanford University. He is a Ph.D. candidate in English Literature at the University of Chicago.

9/30 Blessed are the Peacemakers conference at John Carroll University (Dolan)

The Blessed Are the Peacemakers symposium is inspired by the April 2016 Non-violence and Just Peace Conference held at the Vatican. The Vatican conference's goal was to initiate a global conversation to respond to the growing violence in our world. It is the perfect opportunity to generate a conversation in the Diocese of Cleveland. The symposium will focus on creative solutions to peace building and active non-violence. Opportunities for education and dialogue rooted in the Catholic Peace Tradition is perfect for anyone wanting to engage in the community, including high school and college students. We want to bring a creative understanding towards Catholic Social Teaching and building peace in our communities and the world. Sign up here:

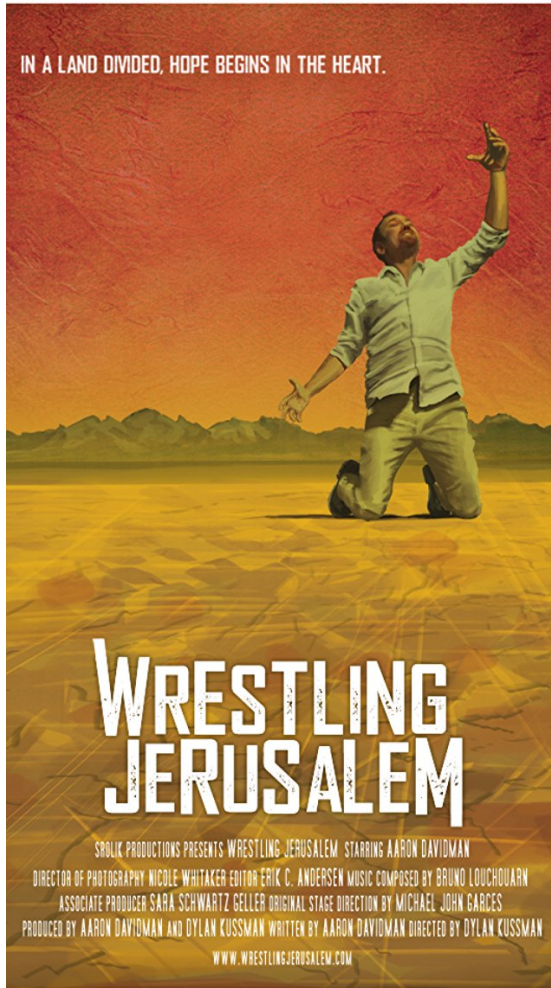
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10/11 7pm Aaron Davidman film showing, "Wrestling Jerusalem," plus a conversation with Aaron Davidman, Donohue Auditorium.

Creatively adapting his acclaimed one-man stage show using only simple props and backdrops, in "Wrestling Jerusalem," Aaron Davidman takes a multidimensional journey into the heart of the Middle East, and the intersection of politics, identity and spiritual yearning. He gives voice to 17 different characters on all sides of the existential divide—deftly moving between male and female, Jewish and Muslim, Israeli and Arab—modeling what it takes truly to bear witness through the eyes of the other. Challenging long-held beliefs, Davidman finds both entrenched isolation and shared humanity in the competing narratives of his characters. Link to the trailer: <http://www.wrestlingjerusalem.com/film-trailer.html>

10/29 10am Dr. Aysegul Keskin Zerín, O'Malley 231

Dr. Aysegul Keskin Zerín will be leading a JCU workshop in O'Malley 231 on Conflict



Resolution Skills Training on October 29th, 10am-2:30pm. Dr. Keskin Zerín asks us: Do you struggle with conflict in your personal, social or professional life? Do you want to learn how to resolve conflicts in your life and in the world? Join us!!! This training will provide you with the tools to communicate better and resolve conflicts, or manage them when resolution seems impossible. Students, faculty, or staff interested should email pmetres@jcu.edu. Seats are limited.

11/14 7pm Randa Jarrar, Rodman Hall Meeting Room A

Randa Jarrar's work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Utne Reader*, *Salon.com*, *Guernica*, *The Rumpus*. Her first book, the Arab-American coming of age novel, [A Map of Home](#), was published in half a dozen languages & won a Hopwood Award, an Arab-American Book Award, and was named one of the best novels of 2008 by the *Barnes and Noble Review*. Her new book, [Him, Me, Muhammad Ali](#), was named one of the [Most Anticipated Books of 2016](#) by *The Millions*, a [Key Collection for Fall 2016](#) by *Library Journal*, and one of *Electric Literature's 25 best collections of the year*. In 2010 [was named](#) one of the most gifted writers of Arab origin under the age of 40. She runs RAWI (the Radius of Arab-American Writers) and loves coordinating events and strengthening communities.



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