

## 2010 Golden West College Peace Conference Speakers & Performers (in order of appearance)

**Daniel Okabe is an International Student at Golden West College.** Born and raised in Uganda, Daniel started playing music at the age of ten. Daniel's songs focus on the theme of Human Rights. His most recent release is the song "Africa Tuwungane", which means "Africa Unite." Daniel is a talk show host in Uganda for a program that advocates Children's Rights.

**Renah Wolzinger teaches courses in Commercial Music at Golden West College.** Renah is President of Renzone Music, a Huntington Beach-based audio and post-production company that handles video and audio recording and editing services. She is a professional clarinet and bass guitar player and specializes in the area of World Music.

**Wes Bryan is the Golden West College President.** He became the seventh college president on January 1, 2005. Wes has been a part of the Golden West College community for more than two decades. He served as the Vice President of Instruction since 1999. Prior to that, he was a speech communication instructor for 22 years, and served several terms as President of the Academic Senate. He received bachelors and master's degrees in speech communication from California State University Long Beach. He holds lifetime credentials as a California community college instructor, supervisor, and chief administrative officer. He has also taught at Azusa Pacific University, CSU Long Beach, CSU Dominguez Hills, and Long Beach City College.

**Fran Faraz is the Director of the Peace Studies Program & Advisor of Peace, Mind & Body Club**

**([www.goldenwestcollege.edu/peace](http://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/peace)).** Her passion is teaching the young generation how to think versus what to think. Ms. Faraz teaches *Introduction to Peace Studies* and *Nonviolence and Conflict Resolution* at Golden West College. In addition to her teaching, she helped establish a Major in Peace Studies and articulated with 4 year universities for students to obtain degrees in the field of Peacebuilding. The annual Peace Conference is one method Ms. Faraz employs to raise awareness and bring attention to different issues that can contribute to a peaceful world. This is the 4th annual conference she has organized at Golden West College.

**Nipun Mehta is the founder of CharityFocus ([www.charityfocus.org](http://www.charityfocus.org)),** a fully volunteer-run organization that has delivered millions of dollars of web-related services to the nonprofit world for free. The recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service and the President's Volunteer Service Award, his work creatively leverages web technologies for collaborative and transformational giving, lending him insight into service, leadership, organizational design, and spirituality. Mr. Mehta serves on the advisory boards of the Seva Foundation, Dalai Lama Foundation, and Airline Ambassadors. His mission statement in life reads: "Bring smiles in the world and stillness in my heart."

**Keynote Speaker Jack DuVall is President of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict ([www.nonviolent-conflict.org](http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org)).** He is Executive Producer of the documentary, "A Force More Powerful", seen in over 80 countries and translated into more than 10 languages. Mr. DuVall is also the co-author of the book of the same name (St. Martin's Press 2000). Mr. DuVall has spoken at universities and policy institutes, including Princeton University, Stanford University, Harvard Divinity School, the University of Sydney (Australia), the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, the Palestine Center, and the Justice Institute of British Columbia. He has also appeared on the BBC, MSNBC and CBC (Canada), and his articles have appeared in the International Herald Tribune, Le Monde, and many other periodicals. Mr. DuVall has held positions as Vice President of WETA-TV/Washington, Director of Corporate Relations at the University of Chicago; and Director of Industry Compliance, Cost of Living Council (U.S. Economic Stabilization Program). His writing includes speeches for five American presidential candidates. Mr. DuVall holds a B.A. degree (cum laude) from Colgate University and is on the Board of Sponsors at Morehouse College. He is also an associate of the Center for Justice and Peace Development, Massey University (New Zealand).

**Gary Dunham is the Co-Founder of Green Team America ([www.americasgreenteam.org](http://www.americasgreenteam.org)),** a Houston-based environmental organization dedicated to helping educate America's youth about global climate change. Mr. Dunham was invited by Former Vice President Al Gore to be a charter member of The Alliance for Climate Protection, and he has spoken about the effects of man-made pollution all over the world. Mr. Dunham was also the Director of Operations for The Climate Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to lecturing about global climate change.

**Dr. Paul Tayyar is an English Instructor at Golden West College & Co-Coordinator of the Peace Studies Program.** A three-time nominee for the Pushcart Prize, his books include *Everyday Magic* (West-Coast Bias Press), *Scenes From A Good Life* (Tebot Bach), and *Postmark Atlantis* (Level 4 Press). Dr. Tayyar is the Founder and Director of World Parade Books, which has published works by Edward Field, Gerald Locklin, and Lyn Lifshin.

**Lou Arnwine, a retired kindergarten teacher ([www.laughteryoga.org](http://www.laughteryoga.org)),** became interested in Laughter Yoga after hearing a radio story about a medical doctor in India who met in a park with people to "laugh for no reason." Under the leadership of Dr. Kataria, the Indian doctor who began the movement, Laughter Yoga has grown to be a worldwide phenomenon, bringing the healthful benefits of laughter, yoga breathing, and joy to many people around the world. Lou is a certified Laughter Yoga leader, taking her training from Dr. Kataria.