

# Golden West College - Peace Conference Speakers for 2015!



## **The League of Afghanistan: Breaking Down Cultural Barriers and Changing Lives Through Sports**

### **Jess Markt**

Jess Markt is an international wheelchair basketball coach and consultant specialized in organizing leagues and training players in developing countries. His efforts have transformed the young lives in Afghanistan, India, Cambodia and Palestine.

Jess is the head coach of the Denver Rolling Nuggets of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's (NWBA's) Championship Division and the Lady Rolling Nuggets of the NWBA's Women's Division. He is a strategic communications consultant in addition to his work coaching wheelchair basketball.

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## **Klan-Destined Relationships: A Black Man's Odyssey in the Ku Klux Klan**

### **Daryl Davis**

Chicago native Daryl Davis received his degree in Jazz from Howard University. As a musician, he has worked with such artists as Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley's Jordanaires, Jerry Lee Lewis, Percy Sledge, The Coasters, and The Platters, The Legendary Blues Band, among others. He tours both nationally and internationally with The Daryl Davis Band.

In addition to being a pianist and vocalist, Daryl is a stage, film and TV actor, lecturer and author. He can be seen in some episodes of the critically acclaimed HBO series *The Wire*. *KLAN-DESTINE Relationships* written by Daryl Davis, is the first nonfiction book written by a Black author detailing his personal encounters and interviews with the Ku Klux Klan. His stories of these encounters range from comical anecdotes to spine-tingling danger and suspense with the riveted to their seats.

Audiences leave his lectures empowered to confront their prejudices and overcome their fears. Davis is the recipient of numerous awards for his music and work in race relations and is often seen interviewed and consulted on network and cable television as a race relations expert.

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## **2015 GWC Peace Award Recipient**

### **Lisa Schultz**

Lisa Schultz has spent her professional career creating moments during which people look at each other and realize (often with surprise), that they're not so different after all. This desire to bring people together and create a better world has come to the forefront as Lisa's transitioned from the helm of the experiential marketing company she founded, Out Of Bounds, to the founder of the international online creative community, TheWhole9.com.

In 2010, galvanized by the work of Jeremy Gilley and the incredible images photojournalist Pep Bonet shot in Sierra Leone, Africa, after the Civil War, Lisa posed the question "If one man can get World Peace Day on the calendar, what can an international creative community do?" The Peace Project is the manifestation of that question, and the answers continue to unfold with the successful implementation of one of the most remarkable social efforts in recent history, The Peace Project's Operation Rise.

Shortly after the launch of The Peace Project, Lisa mobilized concerned citizens worldwide to address one of Sierra Leone's most pressing problems -- personal mobility. After a development period of six months, The Peace Project, with the help of a network of 500 medical professionals, members of the disabled community and concerned citizens, distributed 10,000 pairs of crutches across the entire country of Sierra Leone on September 11, 2011, World Peace Day.

The Peace Project's work since then has been equally ambitious and has included the development of a custom crutch tip that extends the life of crutches and improves mobility for crutch users in developing countries as well as the development of a house design that has about \$500 in building materials and can be built in less than a day -- The Peace Project is currently utilizing this design to build houses in the Philippines for families that lost their homes in Typhoon Haiyan.

Lisa's greatest strengths are mobilizing large groups of people around a common goal and not only thinking big, but being able to manifest these complex ideas quickly and effectively. The Peace Project's future plans are equally ambitious and have one overriding goal at their core -- to continue proving that dramatic change is possible if people join hands.

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## Prakash Bista Builds a School in one of the Poorest Regions in the World

### Prakash Bista

Prakash Bista completed his early education and high school in Nepal, and won a full scholarship to pursue a Bachelor's degree at Soka University of America in Aliso Viejo. Six years ago he led residents of his village, Lalu, to build the village's first service-oriented non-profit school. The United Nations considers the area, the Kalikot District of Nepal, one of the world's poorest and most underdeveloped regions.

Currently a sophomore at Soka, Prakash won the first prize with \$10,000 at Orange County Social Entrepreneurship Competition 2014 at UC Irvine, beating 115 other participants from around the world. Prakash was also the only student speaker at Annual Peace Gala at Soka last year. Prakash knows that the world is not fair for the children in the most remote parts of the world, so Prakash is committed to providing innovative educational opportunities to the children in these regions.

Prakash Bista was named as one of the Orange County's 100 Most Influential People in 2014 by Orange County Register."

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## Peace Leadership: Community-based Peace Building

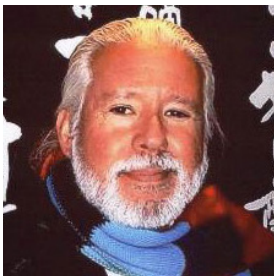
### Whitney McIntyre Miller

Whitney McIntyre Miller joined the Graduation Leadership Programs faculty at Chapman University as an Assistant Professor in August of 2014. Prior to coming to Chapman University, she was an Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership at Northern Kentucky University. She received her Ph.D. in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego, and holds masters degrees in International Development and Social Work, as well as a bachelor degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. McIntyre Miller centers her research around peace leadership and issues of community development and leadership, with a particular focus on post-conflict societies. She teaches PhD courses on Leading from Within, Global Leadership, and Grounded Theory and masters courses on Leading for Emerging Social Issues and Leadership in Popular Culture. Dr. McIntyre Miller has researched and worked in Sierra Leone and Bosnia-Herzegovina, and has also lived in Russia. She has traveled to over 40 countries for work, study, and leisure.

She has also worked in the areas of international development, refugee return and resettlement, nonviolence, elections monitoring, and community development. Dr. McIntyre Miller takes an active role in international education and global study, and has led several study abroad programs and is an active alumna with the Institute of Shipboard Education's Semester at Sea program. Dr. McIntyre Miller is a member of the International Leadership Association and is a co-convenor of its Peace Leadership Affinity Group, the Community Development Society and is the co-chair of its International Committee, and the Peace and Justice Studies Association.

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## Ethics From the Eastern Lens

### Dr. Manseau Saucedo

Dr. Manseau Saucedo is the founding Director of the Multicultural Center at California State University, Long Beach, an educational and Professional Diversity Training resource center which is currently in its 23rd year of serving students, faculty, and staff.

He is also one of the co-founders of the California Council of the Cultural Centers in Higher Education (CaCCCHE), a statewide organization representing Cultural Centers throughout CSU, UC, Private, Religious, and Community College systems.

Dr. Manseau Saucedo is a nationally recognized trainer in cross-cultural communication and international education. He is the author of *Communicating Across the Cultural Divide: Understanding and Experiencing a Multicultural America*.

Additionally Dr. Manseau Saucedo has presented many scholarly papers and professional diversity workshops, including those for the annual conventions of the National Communication Association, the International Communication Association, the East Meets West Conference, and the Association of International Educators.

Dr. Manseau Saucedo is in demand nationally as a speaker. He has been Keynote and Plenary speaker for the statewide Cultural Competency Conference sponsored by the California Institute For Mental Health Agency, the Annual Latino Social Work Network of California Conference, the United Nations Association, the Association of International Educators (NAFSA), the California Association for Counseling and Development, the California Cooperative Education Association, TESOL, the Honor Society for International Scholars (Phi Beta Delta), Summer Bridge and Minority Engineering Programs, Hispanic Youth Leadership Conferences, mentor to students in the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). A keynote address at the Pasadena Conference Center, the League of California Cities where the topic was "Planning Communities for California's Cultural Diversity."

Dr. James Manseau Saucedo has also been a member of a Professional Assessment Team which reviews cross-cultural and multicultural centers and programs offering recommendations to nourish diversity programs. He also facilitated for the K-16 Educational Collaborative Conference where he addressed a broad cross-section of local school professionals; counselors, principals, teachers, etc., from Long Beach Unified School District. He has also been the keynote speaker for American Humane in Tucson, AZ and Long Beach for the "Family Group Decision Making" program. Dr. Manseau-Saucedo was the Keynote Speaker opening a three-day statewide "Learning Institute: Fostering Families Across Cultural Differences." sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services.

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## Declare Interdependence

### Tony Damico

Tony Damico - received a Master's in Communication Studies from CSU, Long Beach and his BA in Organizational Communication at Western Kentucky University. He competed in and coached competitive speech and debate, known as Forensics, for 13 years, winning national and international championships, both as a competitor and a coach.

He teaches at Long Beach City College and Mt San Antonio College, and works with non-profits in Long Beach. His non-profit work involves three projects that he co-founded: *The Long Beach Time Exchange*, (where members use a currency called time credits to exchange skills and services) *Shift Long Beach* (create and support consciousness-raising events), and *Long Beach Fresh*. He was recently awarded the LB Post's "40 Under 40" award for his collaborative contributions to the city. He also curates a quarterly music event called *Beat Theatre*.

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## Your Future Leadership Starts Now

### Ja Marr Brown

"Your Future Leadership Starts Now" is designed to teach young leaders what they need to know and focus on today in order to be the top leaders in their chosen career. This program will teach you key leadership fundamentals and principles you need to learn today in order to have top level success as a leader in the future.

Imagine if you understood the mindsets and behaviors today to become a highly successful leader in the future? Your Future Leadership Starts Now is designed to do just that. In this life changing and highly engaging topic, acclaimed author, award-winning corporate executive and successful entrepreneur Ja Marr Brown shares his powerful insights on the leadership qualities you can develop NOW in order to be a highly successful leader in the future.

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## Lead By Example

### Omid Singh

Omid Singh is an American touring stand-up comedian, based in Los Angeles. Raised in a multicultural family (half Indian, half Iranian), he has lived in more than a dozen different cities across two continents. From the suburbs of Orange County to Texas to Dubai, his unique upbringing—and rapidly growing facial hair— have influenced his comedy, making him a diverse performer who enjoys connecting with every type of audience.

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## Life Takes Bravery

### Melissa Applebee

Melissa Applebee first had the idea to start BeYoutiful, a teen-girl empowerment organization, in 2010. Four years later, her dream became a reality. The first BeYoutiful Conference was held on May 24, 2014 at Golden West College. The four year buffer zone before the conference was filled with hard work, passion, determination, and a refusal to give up. She was blessed with fellow teen girls who came along side her with the same passion to empower other girls. It is crazy that teen girls founded an organization and directed a community-wide conference.

BeYoutiful has changed girls' lives by promoting that any girl and every girl is beautiful for who she is. Melissa is currently a senior at Marina High School. She coaches a youth cheer team, is ASB President, interns at her church, and directs BeYoutiful project. She is attending Grand Canyon University in the fall to major in Christian Studies. Melissa hopes to become a -large-scale Christian event director and own her own coffee shop. She wants you to remember that you are special, you are worth it, and that you are loved.

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## Promote Peace by Supporting a Healthy and Educated Population

### Rob Bachmann, RN, MN

Rob Bachmann RN MN is the Associate Dean/Director of the Golden West College Student Health Services. He has worked in health and education for 31 years. He is passionate about supporting student success by promoting health (physical, mental and social) and addressing the non-academic barriers to student success. Healthy students learn better and stay in school. Peace is built upon a foundation of a healthy and educated population.



## Fair & Impartial Policing: Understanding our Implicit Biases and its Impact on People we Serve

### Gary Meza

Gary Meza had a full career as a police officer with HBPD, retiring as a lieutenant. In addition to being an instructor for GWC CJTC he has been a long time facilitator for the law enforcement training the Museum of Tolerance does in the area of cultural diversity.



### Chip Royston III

Chip Royston III, M.A. Anthropological Philosopher. Professor of Human Services and Anthropology at California State University, Fullerton, Mr. Royston is profoundly interested in the human condition; past, present, and future. He also has many interests outside of the classroom. He has an integral partnership with the Center for Living Peace and has twice been a keynote speaker at the Golden West College Peace conference. He authored an empowering children's book endorsed by Dr. Jane Goodall. He was a founding member of Bundle of Twigs, a Long Beach-based community activism leadership organization. Mr. Royston's interest in creating Peace has been nurtured by a life-long dedication to service and has created this purpose statement to guide his life: We Are One Global Family Where Each and Every Human Being can See Themselves in the Eyes of Another; Regardless of Different Background, Experience, or Belief.



### Farshid Doust

Farshid Doust A.K.A. FOLANI is a composer, Songwriter, Flute Player & writer. He is the founder of Folanband and the Flutist / producer of progressive Rock Band Maya. Farshid is a former teacher of the Conservatory of Music in Tehran. He is known for his unique teaching methods and his skills in composing fusion music that bridges traditional and modern genres. Farshid's writings are about social and political issues ranging from peace and culture to health and environment. He recently has moved to Southern California where he is actively reaching out and collaborating with musicians, artists and leaders of thought.



### Fran Faraz

Fran Faraz is Peace Studies Program Director and Advisor to the Peace & Leadership Club at Golden West College. Ms. Faraz teaches Introduction to Peace Studies, Nonviolence and Conflict Resolution, and Leadership and Peacebuilding. This is the 9th annual Peace Conference that Ms. Faraz has organized. Her goal is that with each passing year, the conference further helps to raise awareness and knowledge of a variety of peace-related issues.