

# **PAX 544: Washington DC Seminar Course**

Center for Justice and Peacebuilding

January 6 - 9, 2008

Instructor: Barry Hart, assisted by Bill Goldberg

This one credit hour, three day seminar course will give opportunity to interact with people in Washington, DC who are involved in activities that affect the work of peacebuilders.

## ***Goals of the Seminar***

- 1) Exposure to people and organizations involved in peacebuilding work who are close to and deeply informed by the dynamics of Washington, DC, a globally influential political location.
- 2) Improved understanding of the opportunities and risks for peacebuilders that are presented by Washington, DC.
- 3) Deeper understanding of the power and trauma of genocide—as well as its prevention.
- 4) Greater understanding of how peacebuilding policy is developed and how it influences people impacted by large-scale violence and war.
- 5) Clearer understanding of the growing interface between political/military sponsored peacebuilding efforts and those sponsored by NGOs.

***Grading Scale:*** P/F

## ***Visits will include:***

Center for Strategic and International Studies  
Holocaust Museum  
World Bank  
U.S. State Department  
Catholic Relief Services  
U.S. Army War College

## ***Requirements of students***

- 1) Before the course, read handouts and browse websites and affiliated essays regarding the places we will visit.
- 2) Full participation in events of the course including daily and final debriefing sessions. The final debriefing session will be led by student groups, highlighting a particular organization or event.
- 3) Submit a journal of 5-10 pages in length (single-space). Summarize your main impressions/learnings from each place. This is a journal, not a formal academic paper. Don't worry about footnotes or writing style. You can even use "bullet points" if you want, as long as the meaning is clear. Obviously in a journal of this length you will not be able to summarize everything said, nor is a summary what is requested. The point is not to simply repeat but to reflect on what you heard and learned. I would suggest that you keep notes in each session regarding the most interesting things you hear. When you sit down to journal, select a few of the most interesting things that stand out to you in memory and from your

notes about that particular session. Then ask yourself the question, “Why do I think this is important/interesting/illuminating?” This latter question will point you towards the kind of reflection sought for the journals. **Journals due:** January 18, 2008

## Schedule of Events

**Emergency contact info** (if you become separated or lost or confused)

Bill Goldberg cell phone: 540-421-9724

Barry Hart cell phone: 540-383-0500

**Sunday, January 6, 2008**

**Be at CJP by 2:00pm**

Drive to William Penn House, 515 East Capitol St, SE. Check-in between 5:00pm and 6:00pm  
Free evening after orientation to building and check-in to discuss Monday morning events and time of departure.

Note: closest subway to WPH is Eastern Market

**Monday, January 7, 2008**

*MORNING*

Leave WPH by 8:10am

Walk to Eastern Market metro. Take blue or orange line to Farragut West

9:00am – 11:00am

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

*(Farragut West is closest metro stop)*

1800 K Street, NW

202-887-0200

- ◆ Rick Barton, Co-Director, Post Conflict Reconstruction Project
- ◆ Karen Meacham, CSIS Smart Power Commission
- ◆ Shannon Hayden, Research Associate and Project Coordinator, Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project

*AFTERNOON*

1:00pm – 4:00pm

The Holocaust Museum

Walk from CSIS is 1.5 miles. Find lunch along the way.

Can take metro: blue or orange from Farragut West to Smithsonian

100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl, SW

Self-guided tour with debriefing/discussion at dinner

Metro from Smithsonian on orange or blue to Eastern Market

Free time until 5:30pm

Walk to dinner

*DINNER*

Hunan Dynasty – 5:45pm  
215 Pennsylvania Ave. SE  
(202) 546-6161

**Tuesday, January 8, 2008**

*MORNING*

*Leave WPH by 9:30am*

10:30am – 12:00pm

The World Bank

*(Farragut West is closest Metro Station)*

1818 H Street NW

202-458-2259

- ◆ Fragile & Conflict-affected Countries Group Operations Policy and Country Services
  - Kaz Kuroda

*Lunch* - The World Bank has an excellent cafeteria with good food at good prices. You can leave and eat elsewhere if you want.

*AFTERNOON*

**(Must be at entrance to State Department (2121 Virginia Ave, NW) by 1:50pm AT THE LATEST. It might take a while to get through security)**

2:00pm – 4:30pm

State Department

*(Foggy Bottom Metro is closest, but easy to walk)*

2121 Virginia Ave, NW

202-663-0808 (Adrienne McElhaney)

- Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization
  - Bill McCulla, Deputy Director, Conflict Prevention
  - Peter Kranstover, Conflict Prevention Officer
  - Lyla Bashan, Conflict Prevention Officer
  - Phyllis Dininio, Governance Advisor, Planning
  - Anne Bodine, Director, Active Response Corps
  - TBD: Michael Michener, Senior Civil-Military Planner, Planning (TBD)

Metro from Foggy Bottom on blue to Eastern Market

Free time until 5:45pm

Walk to dinner

Meet at WPH at 5:45pm

Walk to dinner at La Lomita

DINNER

6:00pm

La Lomita Dos

308 Pennsylvania Ave SE  
Washington, DC  
(202) 544-0616

**Wednesday, January 9, 2008**

Note: Pack all luggage, eat breakfast, and be ready to leave by 7:30am

*MORNING*

Drive to Baltimore

9:00am – 11:00am

Catholic Relief Services

228 W Lexington St, Baltimore, MD

- Hedley Abernethy, Peacebuilding Program Officer

Eat lunch in Baltimore or grab quick lunch at fast food restaurant while driving

Drive to Carlisle, Pennsylvania

*AFTERNOON*

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI)

US Army War College, Carlisle, PA

- LTC Jim Ruf

Dinner somewhere along trip back to Harrisonburg or in Carlisle

Return to Harrisonburg by 10pm

# Exit Questionnaire

## DC Seminar Course 2008

We hope that you enjoyed your experiences during the three days in Washington, DC and Carlisle, PA. In an effort to determine what worked and what did not work, we ask that you fill out this exit questionnaire and bring your completed form to our final debriefing session (date to be announced).

Please answer the following questions:

On a scale of 1 – 10, please rank the following and make comments about your reason:  
10 being “It was the best part of the trip and must be repeated next year”  
1 being “What a waste of time”

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2. The Holocaust Museum
3. The World Bank
4. The State Department
5. Catholic Relief Services
6. US Army War College