



University for Peace



Alumni Testimonials 2003 - 2007



United Nations mandated University for Peace

Dear Reader,

Over 400 students have graduated from the United Nations mandated University for Peace (UPEACE) in the four years since former U.N. Secretary General, Kofi Annan, initiated the University's revitalization process. Additionally, over 2000 students have graduated from UPEACE's international programs and innovative conferences and workshops. Together, through our commitment to peace, we have touched thousands of lives within our families, communities and nations. UPEACE alumni work for peace at every level from the smallest NGOs to the upper tiers of the United Nations, and from the tops of our governments to centers of our communities, classrooms, and homes throughout the world.

This booklet is the first part of our ongoing effort to spread the story of UPEACE as it highlights the personal experiences of a few of our alumni. It has been written, edited, and produced by the alumni community with the help of the U.S. Association for the University for Peace (UPEACE/US). You'll find much more information on UPEACE courses, our diverse and talented professors, and our dedicated staff in the 2007 UPEACE prospectus, accessible online at <http://www.upeace.org/pdf/UPEACE%202007.pdf>. As you'll learn here, UPEACE offers a collection of Master's programs unlike those of any other university. All of the subjects, from sustainable development to international law, from gender issues to conflict resolution, are connected by the common thread of international peace and security.

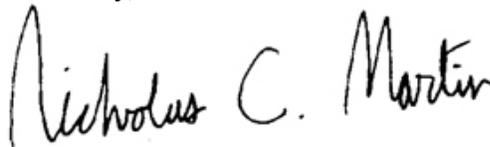
This publication carries several messages and is intended for a wide audience. To prospective UPEACE students: we hope that in this booklet you will catch a glimpse of what the UPEACE experience can offer you - an unparalleled international education and a dedicated alumni network that will open countless doors into careers in international peace and security. We are sure you'll find an extra appeal in the University's gorgeous setting in the mountains of Costa Rica, the first country in the world to formally disband its armed forces.

To dedicated members of the NGO community: UPEACE is a growing center for collaboration between development organisations, academics, governments, and the United Nations. Together in mutual collaboration, we can dramatically expand the capacity of your organisation by sharing professional expertise and innovative thinking. In turn, we have much to learn from your experiences.

To representatives of national governments: we hope that the experiences you will read about in these pages demonstrate our extraordinary diversity and our serious commitment to creating peace in this world. Through your support, the University for Peace will continue to train the next generation of international leaders at the forefront of a Culture of Peace. Your citizens deserve to be represented among our successful alumni.

Whatever your background, we invite you to learn about the experiences of UPEACE alumni. We hope that our innovation, dedication, and commitment to peace inspire you to work with us toward creating a more peaceful world. Thank you for your interest and your support.

Sincerely,



Nicholas C. Martin
Co-director of UPEACE/US
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UPEACE Alumni '06



THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE

In December of 1980, the countries of the world met at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to develop a novel and creative solution to address the numerous threats to peace in the world at the time. By drafting General Assembly Resolution 35/55, they created the United Nations mandated University for Peace as a Treaty Organisation and instilled it with the mission to *“to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace with the aim of promoting among all human beings the spirit of understanding, tolerance and peaceful coexistence, to stimulate cooperation among peoples and to help lessen obstacles and threats to world peace and progress, in keeping with the noble aspirations proclaimed in the Character of the United Nations.”*

Twenty seven years later, the United Nations mandated University for Peace is still the only institution in the United Nations system authorized to grant degrees at the master’s and doctoral levels in the fields related to peace and conflict resolution. The main campus in Costa Rica currently hosts 130 master’s students from 37 countries, and UPEACE also has offices and satellite campuses in Geneva, Addis Ababa, New York, and Manila.

UPEACE is unique among global universities because peace and conflict resolution is central to each of our ten Masters Programs.

Although UPEACE is not subject to UN regulations and does not receive regular UN funding, it has strong links with the UN Secretary General’s office and many other parts of the UN system: UPEACE hosts visiting professors from throughout the UN system, collaborates with UN representatives, and organizes its own Model United Nations Conference. Most of its graduates join international humanitarian causes, many within the UN system. As the UN grows in importance, so will UPEACE, training tomorrow’s leaders to confront global conflict and humanitarian issues in all forms.



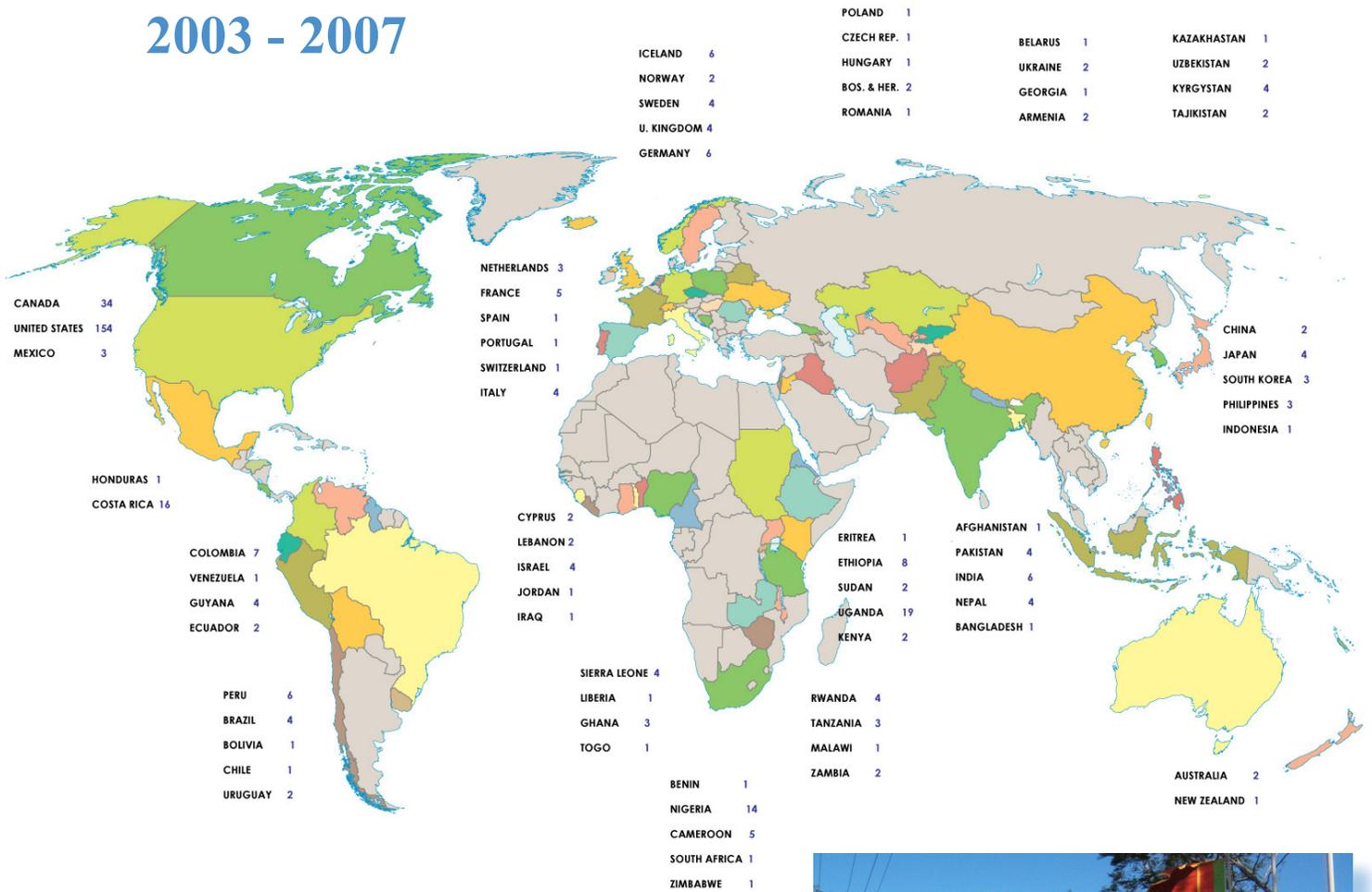
The University offers 10 Masters Programs at its Costa Rica Campus:

- International Law and the Settlement of Disputes
- International Law and Human Rights
- Media, Conflict and Peace
- Environmental Security and Peace
- Gender and Peacebuilding
- Peace Education
- Natural Resources and Sustainable Development (with American University)
- Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
- International Peace Studies
- International Peace Studies Dual Campus (with University de Ateneo in Manila)



WHERE ARE WE FROM?

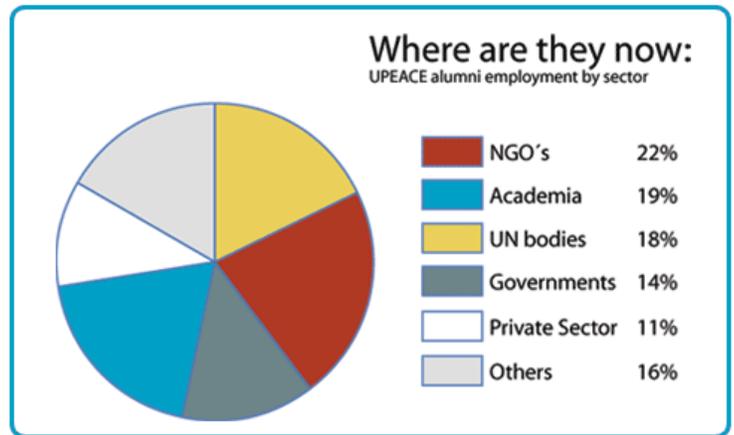
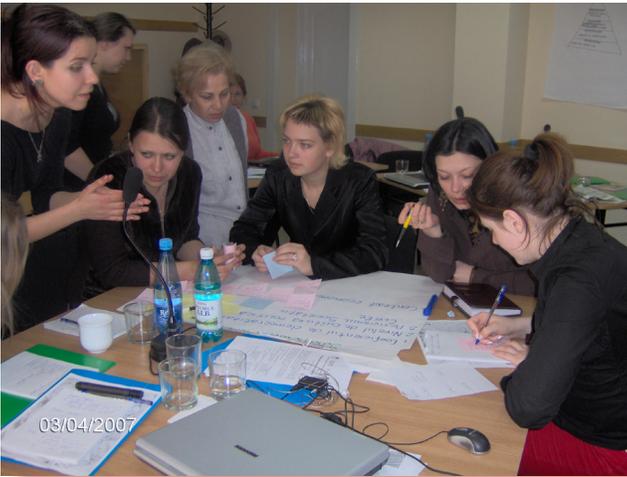
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Since launching the first M.A. programs in 2002, 385 Master's students from 73 countries have graduated from UPEACE. The knowledge and practical skills which we acquired during our studies at UPEACE have enabled us to become qualified professionals in multiple areas of peace and security issues.

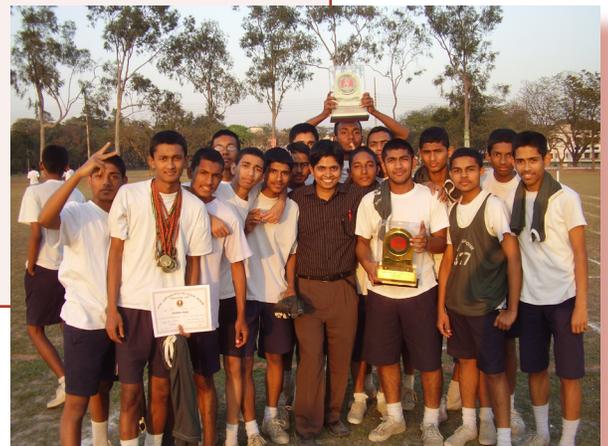
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

UPEACE alumni live and work in every region of the world. The vast majority of alumni work in peace-building capacities in their home countries and internationally, often on the front lines of conflict situations. Currently, the greatest percentage of our alumni network works for non-governmental organisations but many of our graduates go on to work in the UN system and in various other international humanitarian capacities. Some now teach at the University level and work for academic institutions, while others have joined their national governments in diverse and influential fields such as international affairs, electoral tribunals, and environmental policy. Another significant portion of our alumni community is pursuing doctoral degrees.



Here are a few examples of the places where you will find us:

- The International Criminal Court - The Hague, Netherlands
- United Nations Assistance Mission to Afghanistan - Kabul, Afghanistan
- Plan International - Darfur, Sudan
- European Free Trade Association - Belgium
- Nature and Environment - Ecuador
- Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe - Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- Earth Rights International - Thailand
- Women's Rehabilitation Center - Nepal
- International Organisation for Migration - Sri Lanka
- Freedom House - Hungary
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung - Pakistan
- World Bank - Washington, DC
- Inter-American Court of Human Rights - San José, Costa Rica



ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS

Name: Rafael Velasquez
Program: International Peace Studies
Country of Citizenship: Peru
Current Country of Residence: Sudan



After graduating from UPEACE, Rafael joined the UN Regional Center for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America. A year later, he was hired by the UPEACE Africa Program as a Research Assistant. There he supported the development of courses and training material on conflict prevention, management and resolution. These professional experiences with UPEACE prepared him for his current post as the Peacebuilding Coordinator for Plan International in Darfur, Sudan. Plan International is one of the largest child-centered community development organisations in the world. His job entails proposing, developing and implementing peacebuilding initiatives that permit civil society to take part in the peace process.

“The course on urban violence and human security that took us across Central America was definitely one of my most memorable occasions at UPEACE. We travelled through Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador. We visited drug rehabilitation centers, talked to former gang members, NGOs, government authorities, witnessed student and peasant protests, and engaged the community in an incredible exchange of information. There was not a single person in that course that wasn’t moved by the things we experienced and the people we engaged.”



Name: María Aránzazu Villanueva Hermida
Program: International Law and Human Rights
Country of Citizenship: Spain
Current City/Country of Residence: San Jose, Costa Rica

Arantxa came to UPEACE with a myriad of relevant personal and professional experiences. She applied these experiences to her studies, which significantly enriched the UPEACE community. She currently works as a lawyer in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica where she utilizes her UPEACE education every day.

“The courses at UPEACE were not just about abstract theory. Rather, they gave us the opportunity to understand the field of human rights from different points of view. Some moments in class struck me as very emotionally intense, as we assessed the hard reality that our research and studies highlighted. From these experiences, I knew that I wanted to dedicate my professional life to Human Rights.

The international life at UPEACE allowed me to understand different cultures and to be able to comfortably share many perspectives. This expanded sense of understanding has proven to be very valuable in my professional career as I am working within an international team of lawyers from many different countries.”





Name: Saleh Bala
Program: International Peace Studies
Country of Citizenship: Nigeria
Current City/Country of Residence: Jaji, Nigeria

Presently, Saleh is on an academic teaching tour as a Senior Military Officer of the Armed Forces Command and Staff College in Jaji, Nigeria. He is responsible for training middle-cadre officers in all aspects of combat and combat support disciplines, including Military Operations Other than War (MOOTW) - Disaster Management and Military Assistance to Civil Authority.

He also currently runs an NGO, the One Deever's Basketball Foundation. The Foundation, founded 15 years ago, engages young people from Nigerian military barracks through the game of basketball. Members learn the benefits of purposeful academic pursuit, the dignity of labour, religious and cultural tolerance, HIV/AIDS awareness, and gender sensitivity.

"I decided to apply to UPEACE because I wanted to shift my professional standing and training, from a doctrine of resolving conflicts through force, to the more enduring and comprehensive method of resolution through dialogue, compromise, respect and humanitarianism. What I found at UPEACE that made it an exceptional experience was a non-hierarchical environment, which encourages academic freedom among staff and students. This is a structure completely different from my military and social background, which is very rank and age/class sensitive. This opened my mind to alternative learning and working environments, and taught me how to improve the environments that I facilitate in the military and the Foundation."

Name: Douglas Williamson
Program: Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
Country of Citizenship: United States
Current City/Country of Residence: Bonn, Germany

After graduating from the dual Masters Program at UPEACE, Douglas attained a position as a Communications Associate with the International Human Dimensions Program on Global Environment Change (IHDP), co-sponsored by the United Nations University. He serves as the scientific liaison for the IHDP core projects which involves members of government, NGOs, and academia. Every day, Douglas draws on the wisdom and knowledge gained from his UPEACE professors and colleagues to ensure that his projects achieve a positive impact on peace through enhanced environmental stewardship.

As a renowned Environmental Filmmaker, Douglas continues to apply his UPEACE education by utilizing film to expand awareness of global environmental issues. In the past year, he has produced three short films and received several awards for his efforts. Most notably he won second prize at the Mion Environmental Solutions Film Program and the grand prize at the Shifting Baselines Flix Contest in Hollywood.

"The dual master's NRSD program provides a unique opportunity to study international affairs and environmental studies both at an excellent North American university as well as a unique university in a developing country. The exposure to developing country issues in Costa Rica combined with the expertise of the faculty makes the UPEACE experience exceptional."



Name: Dominic Stucker
Program: Environmental Security and Peace
Country of Citizenship: Germany
Current City/Country of Residence: Stockholm, Sweden

Dominic graduated from the University for Peace in 2006. His thesis on environmental security in rural Tajikistan has been accepted into the online libraries of the International Institute of Sustainable Development and the UN Coordination Unit for Tajikistan. Furthermore, Dominic's research informed a chapter that he wrote for a book entitled *Environmental Justice in the Former Soviet Union*, forthcoming from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dominic works as the International Youth Coordinator for Earth Charter International, an NGO that promotes the values in the Earth Charter and its vision of a just, sustainable, and peaceful world. He lives with his wife, Abigail, and their 9-month-old twin boys, Tiegen and Maddox, in Stockholm, Sweden.

"I considered applying to other graduate programs, but none promoted the concept of positive peace in the same spirit as UPEACE. The Environmental Security and Peace program at UPEACE provided me with the opportunity to explore the links between the environment, development, poverty, and conflict. I graduated from UPEACE with a well-informed understanding of sustainable development and peacebuilding."



Name: Abigail Stucker
Program: Environmental Security and Peace
Country of Citizenship: Germany
Current City/Country of Residence: Stockholm, Sweden

Abigail graduated from UPEACE with the confidence and power to redefine herself and the world. She hopes to direct her energies, skills, and passion for peacebuilding towards the eradication of human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

Abigail is the calm, conscientious, and inspired mother of 9-month-old twin boys, Maddox and Tiegen. They live with her husband and fellow UPEACE alumni, Dominic, in Stockholm, Sweden.

"I was drawn to apply to UPEACE for the hopeful promise of a better world embedded in its mission statement. The multicultural and international student body, an accomplished and accessible faculty, intimate class size, and cutting-edge programs of study distinguish UPEACE. A commitment to mainstreaming gender and the environment in all its course offerings also make it unique."



Name: Advera Nsiima K.

Program: International Law and Human Rights

Country of Citizenship: Tanzania

Current City/Country of Residence: Freetown, Sierra Leone

Advera works as a courtroom officer at the UN Special Court in Sierra Leone and spends her free time outreaching to youth on HIV/AIDS prevention. In both capacities, she applies the valuable wisdom of UPEACE professors and the practical skills she acquired at UPEACE.

“UPEACE is a unique institution in that it has created an opportunity to the most eligible aspiring candidates to attain an advanced level of learning in a ‘family setting’ type of environment. The University and its ‘community’ have a human touch, with the highest level of understanding and assistance to the disadvantaged. The respect given to the diversity of cultures is outstanding.”

Name: Balazs Kovacs

Program: International Peace Studies

Country of Citizenship: Hungary

Countries of Residence: Philippines and Costa Rica

Prior to studying at UPEACE, Balazs worked as a lawyer in Hungary. Even before graduating from UPEACE, he secured a position with Freedom House Europe, a major international NGO working in the field of human rights and democracy-building. At Freedom House he brought together contending political parties to facilitate cooperation on human rights protection and democratization.



Recently, Balazs began working for UPEACE as the Program Instructor for the International Peace Studies Dual Campus program in Manila, Philippines and at the headquarters in Costa Rica. In this capacity he continues to develop and share his experiences as a practitioner with new generations of UPEACE students from South East Asia and around the world.

“Studying at UPEACE was more than merely attending classes, having debates on various topics, and reading textbooks. It was more than writing papers to express my ideas. Granted, these and other things were part of my education there, but these are things one can obtain at any graduate school.”

What makes UPEACE a unique school and an unparalleled place to be is the atmosphere of interconnectedness that permeates the whole institution. I had never felt so strongly that I was an integral part of our world before coming to study here. Being immersed in the diverse community of the university opened my eyes to things I never thought existed. I’ve grown a great deal since I first entered the airy hallways of UPEACE in terms of knowledge, understanding, and most importantly in terms of my feeling of responsibility, and that is something that binds us and spurs us to work for the benefit of our communities, be they as small as our village, or as large as the entire world.”



Name: Sabrina Sideris
Program: Peace Education
Country of Citizenship: United States
Current City/Country of Residence: Washington, D.C., USA

Sabrina currently works for an organisation called Teaching for Change in Washington, D.C. Her organisation provides teachers and parents with the tools to transform schools into centers of justice where students learn to read, write and change the world. More specifically, Sabrina distributes teaching resources on equity and social justice, provides professional development to teachers, and organizes parents to improve conditions in Washington, D.C. public schools.

“Through the unique social interactions during my year at UPEACE, I enhanced my skills with cross-cultural communication and developed as a global citizen. One evening I enjoyed a meal with friends from Nepal, Uganda, Sudan, South Korea, Columbia, and many other countries. After a rigorous week, we reflected on the challenges of a multicultural learning setting, celebrated the friendships we have cultivated, and rested together.

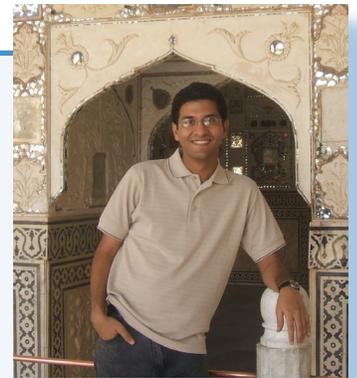
I walked away from UPEACE with a strengthened intellectual understanding of theories and concepts about peace. I have more familiarity with the United Nations system and with other intellectual NGOs. But what I learned about world peace, I really got friendships I made with good people from all over the globe. My relationships will continue to grow after I leave UPEACE. My year at UPEACE was a unique experience that couldn't have been provided by any other university.”

Name: Zahid Shahab Ahmed
Program: Peace Education
Country of Citizenship: Pakistan
Current City/Country of Residence: Islamabad, Pakistan

Zahid currently works for Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) as a Program Officer for its peacebuilding projects: including conflict analysis, peace sensitive project planning, Peace and Conflict Impact assessment (PCIA), gender mainstreaming, interfaith dialogue and regional co-operation. He also manages public affairs for their Topic Centre on Conflict Transformation, Asia.

Before starting with FES in Islamabad, UPEACE helped Zahid gain access to a number of international conferences and programs: the UNESCO Chair intergenerational conference on “Human Rights as a Tool of Social Change” at the University of Connecticut, the international youth conference “Connectivity-2006” in Brazil, and Summer School on the Advanced Study of Non-violent Conflicts at the Fletcher School in Boston - all of which were important professional development experiences for peace.

“One highlight for me was the opportunity that UPEACE gave to four of its Muslim students, including me, to get involved in the design and implementation of its curriculum development workshop on Peace Education in the Islamic Context, at the UPEACE Center Toronto. I recently heard that UPEACE is on its way to finally get this curriculum introduced into the education systems of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. It is not just academic knowledge one gets at UPEACE, it is the interface of theory and practice.”



Name: Jessica Morey
Program: Natural Resources and Sustainable Development
Country of Citizenship: United States
Current City/Country of Residence: Washington, D.C., USA



Jessica completed the dual graduate program, earning a M.A. in International Affairs from American University and a M.A. in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development from the University for Peace. While at UPEACE, she interned with the Costa Rican national electricity company, developing a 20-year power generation plan to become 100% fossil-free fuel. This research and contacts she made at UPEACE opened many doors professionally.

Jessica currently works as a long-term consultant with the World Bank's energy unit in Washington, D.C. She focuses on promoting clean energy in developing countries and reducing the causes of climate change.

"I was drawn to UPEACE by its mission to promote international understanding and to stimulate cooperation. I was also excited by the prospect of studying with a small group of students from all over the world, especially developing countries. I have been struck by how comfortable I feel working in the multicultural environment at the World Bank. In many ways, it feels like a much larger UPEACE."



Name: Takhmina Shokirova
Program: International Law and Human Rights
Country of Citizenship: Tajikistan
Current City/Country of Residence: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Takhmina currently works at the Human Rights and Democratization Assistance for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. At OSCE she utilizes the knowledge and skills gained at UPEACE on a daily basis when dealing with individual human rights complaints, assisting migrant labourers, providing legal and human rights advocacy, and other responsibilities that advance peace and justice.

"I remember every day of our classes, where together we were learning about human rights values and principles, and how they are interrelated and interdependent. We learned about the human rights situation in different countries, taking their experience and lessons learned into account. During the classes at UPEACE, we learned how to nurture a democratic culture based on respect for human rights principles and I continue to draw those discussions into my work now as practitioner for human rights. UPEACE made not only professional changes in my life, but also personal ones. I started to perceive things differently. My experience at UPEACE made a great revolution in my mind and I am so thankful for the whole UPEACE family!"

Name: Idowu Ajibade
Program: International Law and Human Rights
Country of Citizenship: Nigeria
Current City/Country of Residence: Geneva, Switzerland



Within one year of graduating from UPEACE, Idowu worked as a Development Consultant to an international disability organisation called Leonard Cheshire International. After completing her consultancy, she began an internship with the International Council on Human Rights and Policy, in Geneva, Switzerland. There she will draw on her recent professional experiences and directly apply the knowledge and skills she gained while at UPEACE.

“Every single moment at UPEACE remains green in my mind: the simulation of the UN Security Council’s meeting, the laughter shared in school buses and in the cafeteria, the Sunday Nigeria lunch, the UPEACE Model United Nations Conference, visits to local NGOs working on HIV/AIDS issues, African Day, and the friendships and bonds formed with people from various cultural, religious and social backgrounds. All those cherished moments and many more make UPEACE forever fresh in my memory.”

UPEACE’s deeply multicultural community, friendly environment, and innovative solutions for overcoming the challenges to peace identified by the United Nations set it apart from the rest. Apart from the knowledge and exciting insights gained at UPEACE, the social and professional networks developed were instrumental in leveraging my career and helping me to impact in the non-governmental sector related to human rights and policy development.”



Name: Rebecca Harned-Castillo
Program: International Peace Studies
Country of Citizenship: United States
Current City/Country of Residence: Washington, D.C., USA

After working in international sustainable development throughout Central America, Rebecca came to UPEACE eager to apply her field experience and further develop her ability to foster community-based initiatives for peace. At UPEACE she listened carefully to the wisdom of outstanding professors combined with exceptional students from around the world who shared different cultural and academic perspectives.

Upon graduation Rebecca returned to the U.S. to apply the knowledge, insights, and practical skills she gained while at UPEACE to help nurture a culture of true democratic peace. She currently works with a public affairs firm where she manages private and public sector relationships to leverage alternative energies with practical homeland security solutions. Additionally, Rebecca works with UPEACE-US to further the UPEACE mission in the US and maximize the unified impact of the UPEACE Alumni community around the world.

“I was accepted to several graduate schools, but even then I realized that UPEACE offered more than superior academics and the opportunity to develop practical skills. UPEACE provided me with a truly unique experience where I gained a revolutionized understanding of how to facilitate a new era of world leadership for peace. The remarkably wise and experienced professors from around the world provided lasting knowledge and inspiration while the extraordinarily diverse and enriching students are forever our global family and life-long colleagues. I did not anticipate how much UPEACE would change me - as an individual, friend, fellow citizen of the world, and emerging leader for peace.”



Name: Diana Maria Montealegre
Program: Gender and Peacebuilding
Country of Citizenship: Colombia
Current City/Country of Residence: Bogotá, Colombia



When Diana graduated from UPEACE, she worked as a Coordinator of the Diploma Program on Political Training and Public Policy with a focus on Gender Equality, in the University of Cauca, a public institution in Southwest Columbia. She also supported NGOs and social organisations on the planning, evaluation and monitoring of human rights, gender and advocacy programs.

She recently started working for Ruta Pacifica de Mujeres por la Paz (the Peaceful Route of Women for Peace), as an assistant coordinator. As a member of this feminist and antimilitary movement, she is dedicated to the promotion of women's rights for a peaceful solution to Columbia's armed conflict.

"UPEACE brought to all of us the opportunity to have a better comprehension of conflicts, wars and peace around the world from many different perspectives. Because of that, I have today not only a "gender sensitive" understanding of my country, but I am also able to recognize the vital role of peace education, environmental security, sustainable development, human rights, etc. I must also add that the view from the campus and the natural beauty of Costa Rica - its parks, beaches and mountains - were also spectacular and its people were friendly and inviting."



Name: Samuel "Sam" Byamugisha Kamanzi
Program: International Peace Studies
Country of Citizenship: Uganda
Current City/Country of Residence: Ciudad Colon, Costa Rica

Sam came to UPEACE with years of professional experience in government journalism and grassroots activism. He was the Administrator for MAPODE-UGANDA, a community-based organisation focused on countering the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS for at-risk populations in Zambia and Uganda. At UPEACE, he was able to share his past work and life experiences within the intercultural environment of the UPEACE community. Through UPEACE he also gained a deeper understanding of different cultures and international issues.

Since graduating, Sam has worked as the Marketing Assistant for the UPEACE Global Education Program. He works to identify and approach international organisations, NGOs, universities, and governments to expand opportunities for the Global Education Programs, which foster peace through education. Additionally, Sam currently works to maximize the impact of several NGOs in Costa Rica where he applies his skills in intercultural communications and understanding gained at UPEACE.

"UPEACE is the only university in the world mandated by the United Nations which actively imparts knowledge for peace and justice. I gained tremendous knowledge in conflict resolution and most importantly, a living knowledge of understanding and collaborating with peacebuilders from around the world."



Name: Hovig Etyemezian
Program: Gender and Peacebuilding
Country of Citizenship: Lebanon
Current City/Country of Residence: Beirut, Lebanon



Hovig is a Senior Administrative Clerk at the Regional Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Beirut, Lebanon. He has been admitted into the UNHCR Emergency Roster and will soon be deployed in emergency operations in the field. He is also a volunteer trainer for an NGO called SOLIYA that does online conflict resolution with students from the US, Europe and the Middle East.

“Upon graduation from college, I wanted to do a Master’s degree in human rights or a related field. Out of the pool of universities offering such courses, I chose UPEACE since it offered a very unique program: Gender and Peacebuilding. I thought that this specific program would be an “eye-opener” compared to the “traditional” human rights conceptions of academia I had been exposed to. Not only was it an eye-opener, but it generated an entire change of mindset, a whole new worldview and a solid academic foundation.”



SUPPORTING THE PATH TOWARDS PEACE

Thank you for taking the time to embrace the living testimonies from UPEACE Alumni. The personal experiences illustrated in this book demonstrate the invaluable contributions that UPEACE alumni are making around the world.

The University spends nearly half of its annual budget to provide scholarships for qualified students of limited financial means. However, UPEACE is a young institution which is building its financial base and due to its financial constraints, many worthy prospective students miss a life-changing opportunity. Though UPEACE is already an exceptionally diverse university, better financial resources would allow the University to support an even more varied student body, and ensure that no part of the global family goes without the opportunity to seek peace through higher education.



UPEACE urgently needs contributions from donors who share our commitment to global peace and security. Scholarships assist students who lack the means, but who have the desire and talent to study at UPEACE and more broadly, to seek positive change in the world.

We are seeking commitments for annual student sponsorships from UN Missions, national governments, individuals, foundations, and corporations. Every sponsorship is more than a sponsorship, it is a contribution to our shared mission to lead the world down the path to peace. Do not miss this opportunity to show your support.

One Sponsorship = \$27,000 (USD)

Sponsorship break-down:

UPEACE Annual tuition:	\$18,000
10 Mo. Living Expenses:	\$5,500
Round-trip Travel:	\$2,000 ¹
Alumni Network Fund:	\$1,500 ²
Total:	\$27,000

To determine the most efficient way to make your contribution, contact Nick Martin, Co-Director of the U.S. Association for the University for Peace, at nmartin@upeaceus.org

¹ Based upon the average round-trip travel to Costa Rica from the student's home country.

² The Alumni Network Fund is an optional contribution toward a fund to support future Alumni-organized fundraising efforts such as this one.



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