

INTERFAITH  
• SUMMER •  
INSTITUTE

*for Justice, Peace, and  
Social Movements*

Simon Fraser University  
British Columbia, Canada



**2008  
PROGRAM**



DISPLACEMENT  
& MIGRATION:  
RESTORING  
DIGNITY &  
SACRED  
CONNECTION

**PUBLIC FORUMS**

**January 28, 2008**

**Interfaith Solidarity for a Just Peace in Palestine-Israel**

*May 2008 (date to be confirmed)*

**Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Residential  
Schools: Ethical Questions and Challenges**

*June 2008 (date to be confirmed)*

**Human Dignity and 2010 Olympics: Challenging the  
Trafficking of Women**

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**AUGUST 5-8 | Course**

**Decolonizing the Body and Indigenous Principles:  
Connecting through Creativity**

**Alannah Young and Denise Nadeau**

**AUGUST 8-15**

*August 8*

**Opening Ceremony and Panel**

*August 9*

**Sanctuary: A Public Forum on Refugees,  
Asylum Seekers and Sacred Space**

*August 10*

**Workshops on Community Art and Social Justice and  
Indigenous Teachings on the Land**

**AUGUST 11-15 | Courses**

**Religion's Role in Peacebuilding: Sikhs and Muslims in  
Malerkotla, Punjab and Beyond**

**Karenjot Bhangoo**

*Title to be confirmed*

**Esther Mombo**

**Mass Media's Role in Progressive Politics and Religion**

**Robert Jenson and Junaid Ahmad**

**Truth and Reconciliation :**

**The Politics and Possibilities of Memory**

**Lorena Sekwan Fontaine and Angela Contreras-Chávez,  
with Chief Robert Joseph**

**Islam in the Hinterlands: A Critical Exploration of  
Canadian Muslim Cultural Politics**

**Jasmin Zine**

**The Interfaith Summer Institute for Justice, Peace and Social Movements** is a leadership development and support program for people of faith involved in social movements for justice and peace. At a time when local conflicts have global significance, religion is a critical factor which has a direct bearing on war, violence, immigration, civil society, transnationalism, diaspora, citizenship, clean water and a sustainable planet. Two guiding threads undergird the curriculum: the role of women, youth, and children in conflict and peacemaking; and Indigenous environmental logic and knowledge of place.

The objective of the Interfaith Summer Institute is to equip practitioners - such as teachers, community organizers, settlement workers and faith leaders - with the theoretical and practical skills to build interfaith and cross-cultural alliances for justice and peace at the community and social movement level. In bringing together renowned scholars and activists from several different traditions, it nourishes a cross-fertilization process that provides direction in the crucial work of building transnational and interfaith alliances for justice and peace.

Contributions in peace and justice-making in Indigenous, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, and Sikh traditions are considered. Participants will gain skills and explore the ways that religion and spirituality impact contemporary movements for social justice and peace.

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