



***Virtual* International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education**  
**Transforming Conflict and Crisis to Justice and Hope: An Initiative for Peacebuilders**

**Main Conference November 6 - 7, 2020**

**Student and Young Professionals Led Pre-Conference – October 30 – Nov. 1, 2020**

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**Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM EDT/EST**

***Justice in Images: From the Amazon Rainforest to the United States of America***

Join award-winning photojournalist Tyrone Turner as he shares images and insights around peace and conflict. During this session, attendees will have a window into critical issues affecting diverse communities. They will have an opportunity to learn the impact of visual storytelling and how it can be used effectively in crisis situations. A conversation with select artists will shed light on how the youth are using art to make a positive difference.

**Special Guests:**

- **Tyrone Turner, WAMU, the NPR member station in Washington D.C.**
- **Debora Komukai**
- **Gabriele Sciortino**

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (EDT/EST)**

**Welcome and Opening Panel - Cultivating Peace: Thriving Attitudes and A Resilient Mindset**

- **Khaled Emam, Justice Call for Rights and Development**
- **Regine Guevara, Asian Youth Peace Network**
- **Saji Prellis, Search for Common Ground**
- **Elizabeth Wuerz, Sustained Dialogue Institute**

**Sunday, November 1, 2020**

**11:00 AM – 1:00PM (EDT/EST)**

**Young Professionals and Students Resume: Review and Career Conversation**

In this session, attendees will spend 10 minutes with a senior colleague in the field to have their resume reviewed and engage in a career conversation. Four to five senior colleagues will be available in scheduled times to meet with attendees for one-on-one conversations. The overall session will begin with a 5-minute overview of the structure and at the end a closing 5-minute conclusion.

- **Julie Shedd, George Mason University**
- **David Smith, Forage Center for Peacebuilding**

**1:00 PM – 1:15 PM (EDT/EST)**

**Closing**

**Keynote Panel Bios**  
(Last updated October 27, 2020)



(Photos L – R) Debora Komukai (Photographer), Gabriele Sciortino (Photographer/Filmmaker)



(Photos L – R) Regine Guevera (AYPN), Khaled Emam, (UNOY), Saji Prelis (Search for Common Ground)



(Photos L – R) Julie Shedd (GMU), David Smith (FCC), Elizabeth Wuerz (SDI), Tyrone Turner (NPR)

**Khaled Emam, Co-Chair of The United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (UN IANYD), Co-Chair of Youth, Peace & Security at Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC).** Khaled is a specialist in international human rights and is a Human Rights lawyer. In addition he is the Executive Director of Justice Call for Rights and Development. His focus is on building a modern democratic state that protects human dignity by promoting respect for International Human Rights Law (IHRL) and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Khaled has a BA in Law and a Masters in International law from Cairo University and has an Executive Education from Harvard University in Leadership, Organizing and Action (LOA). He has been a speaker and led seminars for, among others, Groningen University -the Netherlands, Jacobs University - Germany, Peace Boat- Japan, Global university program – Japan, American University – Lebanon, Cairo University - Egypt, Hanze University – the Netherlands, Mindanao State University- Philippines, Helwan University – Egypt, NHL University of applied sciences - the Netherlands, American University – Cairo, and Amnesty International. Khaled is passionate about human rights education and the relation between conflict and human rights. He is active in civil society law and the protection of civic space. Khaled is a skilled trainer and lecturer in human rights mechanisms at the global, regional and national levels.

**Regine Guevara, Founder, Asian Youth Peace Network.** She is a young philanthropist, researcher and practitioner for international peace and security, especially as it concerns the ASEAN and wider Asia Pacific region. Ms. Guevara graduated with a Master of Arts in Coexistence and Conflict Resolution from Brandeis University in Boston, and completed the Programs on Negotiation and Mediation at the Harvard Law School. Owing to her multi-cultural Jewish heritage and studies around the Abrahamic languages, she completed her practicum in Jerusalem, while following parliamentary lobbies at the Knesset. She has since published on the Jerusalem Post, Times of Israel, and Zilzar Life for Muslim Millennials. In October 2018, she was featured in Lifestyle Asia's section "[24 hour woman](#)." Professionally, Regine has worked as a Communications Consultant for the USAID-ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme, United Nations Women, United Nations Habitat as well as UNESCO. As a passion project, Regine co-founded the Asian Youth Peace Network, under the patronage of the International Youth Centre for Peace, and sits in Friends for Leadership, a network launched at the *Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum* (SPIEF) in Russia. She is also the ASEAN youth representative to the UN Interagency Network on Youth Development. During the COVID19 pandemic, she managed the family foundation as well as transport business, through which SDG Villages was launched, a sustainable livelihoods program for daily wage earners affected by the national quarantine.

**Debora Komukai** was born in Japan and raised in Brazil. She served as a fellow at Qatar Foundation International for three years, working on projects around the world refugee crisis, cultural stereotypes, and sustainability. Debora's photographic and social development work focuses on gender equity and migration. She believes communication and disseminating information is essential to address conflict situations. She holds a degree in Journalism and is pursuing graduate studies in Social Development.

**Lakshitha Saji Prellis, Co-Chair, Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security & Director, Children & Youth Programs, Search for Common Ground.** Twitter: @Networkforyouth. Mr. Prellis has over twenty years' experience working with youth movements and youth focused organizations in conflict and transition environments in over 35 countries throughout the world. In 2010 he co-founded and has been co-chairing the first UN-CSO-Donor [working group](#) (Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security) that helped successfully advocate for the historic UN Security Council [Resolution 2250](#) (in 2015) [Res 2419](#) (in 2018) and [Resolution 2535](#) (July 2020). Mr. Prellis is also the director of children & youth programs at Search for Common Ground (SFCG), an international conflict transformation organization. Prior to joining SFCG, Mr. Prellis was the founding director of the Peacebuilding & Development Institute at American University in Washington, DC. Over eleven years at the university resulted in him co-developing over 100 training curricula exploring the nexus of peace building with development. Mr. Prellis received the distinguished [Luxembourg Peace Prize](#) for his Outstanding Achievements in Peace Support. Mr. Prellis obtained his Master's Degree in International Peace & Conflict Resolution with a Concentration in International Law from American University in Washington, DC.

**Gabriele Sciortino** has a background in Cinema and Audiovisual studies with a focus on indigenous cinema in the Amazon. His photographic, filmmaking, and movie editing experience supports UN agencies and promotes the

UN SDGs. He is currently enrolled in an Applied Communications Strategies MBA program. Gabriele enjoys traveling and working with others who are committed to building a sustainable world.

**Juliette Shedd, Ph.D. Associate Dean and Associate Professor, Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University.** She teaches both introductory and research methods courses and courses on terrorism, extremism, global conflicts, and ideologies. She holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University and a BA in Political Science and Psychology from George Washington University. Her research includes work on the relationship of media to conflict, specifically focused on media coverage of terrorism and the role of women in political violence. She has shepherded S-CAR's efforts in distance education and a wide range of innovations in experiential and service learning. She served as the academic project manager for the development of Point of View International Retreat Center. Her practice engagements includes media literacy and dialogue training, conflict resolution in schools, police community engagement projects, and community engagement processes for local government.

**David J. Smith, Career Coach, Forbes Coaching Council.** David works with individuals seeking peacebuilding related careers. Based in Washington, DC, he is a member of Forbes Coaches Council and is adjunct faculty at the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University. He is the author of *Peace Jobs: A Student's Guide to Starting a Career Working for Peace* and has been featured in the *Washington Post* and interviewed on the TODAY Show. He writes frequently on career issues in *Forbes* and the Fulbright Association's *Edge* newsletter. He is a TEDx speaker and has written op-eds in the *New York Times*, *Baltimore Sun*, and other publications.

**Tyrone Turner, Visuals Editor/Photojournalist for WAMU, the NPR Member Station in Washington, D.C.** Turner is a photographer and educator who focuses on the human and natural landscape, delving into important but often overlooked visual stories. He has worked around the world, but returns regularly to his native Louisiana to continue learning and photographing. His clients have included National Geographic Magazine, the New York Times, Apple, The World Food Programme, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For National Geographic, Turner's work was included in stories about the disappearing wetlands, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf Oil Disaster, and other issues. As the current visuals editor/photojournalist for WAMU, the NPR member station in Washington, D.C., Turner leads their multimedia storytelling and is a regular contributor to NPR. His prize-winning images and videos have been recognized by the Visa pour l'Image international photojournalism festival, Pictures of the Year International, Best of Photojournalism, The Murrow Regional Awards, The Soros Foundation, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Art.

**Elizabeth Wuerz Program Consultant, Sustained Dialogue Institute.** She working closely with administrators and staff to organize Sustained Dialogue on their campuses. Prior to her work with SDI, she worked in education and conflict resolution supporting the development of student programs to improve campus culture, facilitating training sessions on conflict management, negotiation and mediation, researching material for a new citizen security initiative in Central America, and supporting further development of a democratic dialogue handbook. She received her Master's degree in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University with a focus in International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution and her BA from Northwestern University. She is based in Boston.